

# Raising Readers Backpack

Congratulations! By checking out and using this backpack from **Capital Area District Libraries**, you are helping your child develop important literacy skills. Although these skills are very important, they can also be fun to learn.

In fact, every time you use one of these five simple practices with your child, you are helping him or her develop into a lifelong learner: **reading, writing, talking, singing** and **playing**.

Here are some ideas for using the items in this backpack:

- Read the books together, pointing out new words as you go along.
- Write some of the letters or words you see in the book.
- Talk with your child about the items in the kit. Ask what he or she thinks the stories might be about.
- Listen to the music on the CD or DVD.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine together what might happen next.

*Read • Write • Talk • Sing • Play*

This tip sheet stays with the backpack. For a copy of your own, visit any CADL branch or [cadl.org/raisingreaders](http://cadl.org/raisingreaders).

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# PICNIC

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

**Go** on a real picnic. If that's not possible PRETEND! Set a picnic up in your living room, child's bedroom, or in front of a fireplace. Pack the picnic basket with snacks or the traditional picnic items. Don't forget to include an ant or two! Or your child's favorite stuffed toy.

**Introduce** the sound of the letter "P" like in picnic. Use words like plate, pickles, peanut butter, pudding, etc.

**Talk** about the word "Picnic", sounding out the different parts of the word, "pic-nic" – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Clap once for each syllable of the word. Do the same thing with sandwich, watermelon, lettuce, pickle....

**Singing** with your child is one of the best ways to develop early literacy skills. Sing along with some of the songs on the CD included with this set. Clap your hands and dance along too!

### **Action Rhyme:**

#### **Five Fat Hotdogs**

Five fat hotdogs sizzling in a pan (wiggle fingers of one hand)

When all of a sudden one went BAM! (clap hands loudly)

Four fat hotdogs (continue to one)

Now there are no more hotdogs sizzling in the pan.

