

# 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 watch the DVD together. Play with the toys included in the backpack.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine 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).

# SLOTHS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### **Rhyme -- In the South American Rain Forest** *(Multicultural Storytime Magic book)*

I am a sloth, a two-toed sloth  
(sit down slowly)  
I sit in the trees all day.  
I slowly eat buds and shoots and leaves  
(mime eating slowly)  
And slowly walk away  
(walk slowly in place)

I am a hummingbird, watch me fly!  
(flap arms quickly)  
My wings beat extra fast  
Better look quickly when you hear me fly  
Because soon I'll be racing past!

I am a snail, with my shell on my back  
And I inch along on the ground.  
(crawl slowly on the ground)  
I chew tiny plants with my tiny teeth  
Slow and steady's how I get around

I am a jaguar, racing through the trees  
(run in place)  
Don't try to catch me – you'll fail!  
I chase my prey in the sun all day  
I'm so fast all you'll see is my tail

### **Pretend Play – Act Like a Sloth!**

Sloths move slowly and take their time with everything. Pretend you're a sloth and try to do everyday activities slowly like a sloth.

### **Finger Play – 5 Silly Sloths**

*(Start with five fingers and put one down for each sloth)*

Five silly sloths laying on the floor  
One fell asleep and then there were four  
Four silly sloths climbing up a tree  
One fell down and then there were three  
Three silly sloths wondering what to do  
One got lost and then there were two  
Two silly sloths having tons of fun  
One got up and then there was one  
One silly sloth was sad the day was done  
He went to bed and now there are none.

### **Finger Play – Two Little Sloths**

Two little sloths sitting on a hill  
(Hold up index finger on each hand)  
One named Jack, the other named Jill  
Crawl away Jack  
(put one finger behind back),  
Crawl away Jill  
(put other finger behind back)  
Come back Jack,  
(bring back first finger)  
Come back Jill.  
bring back second finger)  
Two little sloths staring at a cloud  
One named quiet (whisper), the other named loud (shout)  
Two little sloths hanging on a stick  
One named slow, the other named quick

