

The authors represented in Durango's literary garden have received one or more of the following awards.

- Caldecott (Children's book illustrator)
- Coretta Scott King (given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults)
- Edgar (named after Edgar Allen Poe, they honor the best in mystery fiction, non-fiction, television film)
- Eisner (for best Comic books and graphic novels)
- Hugo (Science Fiction's most prestigious award)
- Nebula (best Science fiction/Fantasy publication)
- Newbery Medal (awarded to most distinguished contribution to American literature for children)
- Lambda (24 categories presented to LGBTQ books)
- Booker Prize (leading literary award in the English speaking world)
- National Book Award (annually awarded to best literature in United States)
- Nobel Prize (for achievements that have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind)
- Poetry Society of America (awarded to both established and emerging poets)
- Pulitzer (achievements in newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature and musical composition within the United States)
- Pura Belpre (presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth)