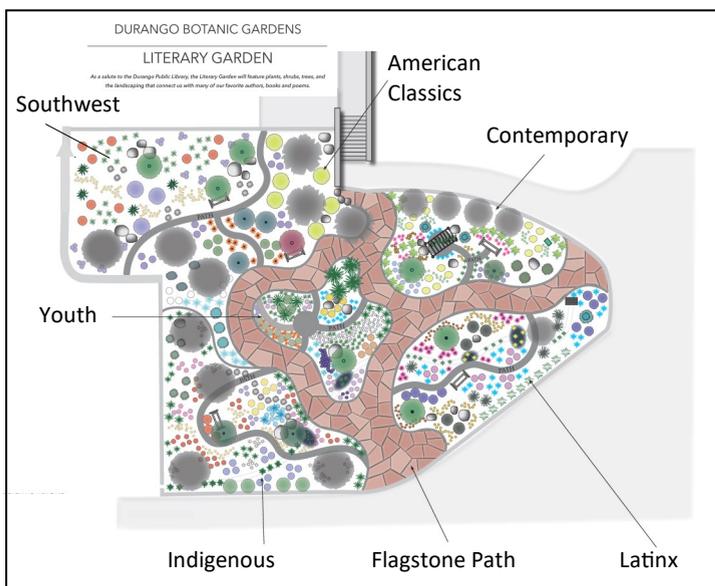




# Together, let's build the **LITERARY GARDEN**

Durango Botanic Gardens plans to build the Literary Garden just to the west of the library. A donor has offered us \$25,000 if we can match that amount by July 13, 2021. We need your help.



“The Literary Garden is the perfect harmony between gardens and the library collection. The Gardens will focus on traditionally under-represented communities, as well as authors from diverse backgrounds for all ages, spanning from classic to contemporary works. As the Durango Public Library strives to nourish and grow a diverse collection, we will be able to highlight these incredible authors through the connection to the Literary Garden.”

Sandy Irwin, Director  
Durango Public Library

# Help the Durango Botanic Gardens Build the Literary Garden

*Help us raise \$25,000 to meet a local philanthropist's matching grant*

Libraries and gardens: magic together. That's the vision behind the Durango Botanic Gardens' next garden project—the **Literary Garden**—which will be built to the west of the Durango Public Library entrance. Eventually six planting beds will be incorporated into a new, park-like garden that connects a cultural and horticultural theme with a literary tradition: Indigenous peoples, Southwest, Latinx, American Classics, Contemporary, and Youth. The garden will demonstrate how the natural world and gardens have inspired many of our well-known and lesser-known authors, poets, and storytellers.

This new garden represents the largest fundraising challenge in our history, just under \$100,000. However, we have just taken a huge step toward that goal with a matching grant opportunity from a couple who wish to remain anonymous for now. **We have until July 13, 2021 to raise \$25,000 to match their offer. We could really use your help.** Each dollar you donate now will be doubled in its impact toward our campaign.

The Literary Garden will reflect water-wise planting and garden design, a critical feature in gardening in the southwest as we experience a drier, changing climate. We also believe this garden will offer our community a special place for relaxation and reflection.

We have a great track record. We have been building public gardens around the library since 2011, beginning with our award-winning Library Demonstration Garden behind the library. The gardens demonstrate best gardening practices, enhance horticultural education, and inspire our community to build sustainable gardens.

And, in case you didn't know, we are an all-volunteer non-profit, with board members contributing money, plants, mulch, and other garden supplies to maintain the gardens.

**Please act now! Send your donation today** and it will be matched by our generous donor.



## Ways to Donate

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Your donation should be tax-deductible; always check with your tax advisor.

**Website:** Visit our secure website, [durangobotanicgardens.org](https://durangobotanicgardens.org), navigate to the Donate tab, choose **Literary Garden** from Campaign Options

**Mail:** Mail a check to Durango Botanic Gardens, 10 Town Plaza #460, Durango, CO 81301. Please put **Literary Garden** in the notes field.

**Call:** Questions? You can reach us at 970-880-4841.

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