

# ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY & ENCORE LEARNING

~~~~~SPECIAL EVENT~~~~~

## Meet the Author Series Dr. Tyler Anbinder will speak on



### FIVE POINTS:

The 19<sup>th</sup> Century New York City  
Neighborhood that Invented Tap Dance,  
Stole Elections, and Became the World's  
Most Notorious Slum

**Date: Monday, June 15, 2015**

**Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Place: Arlington Central Library**

All but forgotten today, New York's Five Points neighborhood was once renowned the world over. Attracting visitors ranging from Abraham Lincoln to Davy Crockett to Charles Dickens, Five Points both horrified and inspired everyone who saw it. Over the course of the nineteenth century, many of America's most impoverished Irish, Jewish, German, and Italian immigrants sweated out their existence there. But at the same time, Five Points was a font of creative and entrepreneurial energy. It was also the home of political clubs and the machine politicians who would come to dominate not just the city but an entire era in American politics. In his talk, Dr. Anbinder will recount the heyday of Five Points, the neighborhood that was a microcosm of the American immigrant experience.

**About the Presenter:** Dr. Tyler Anbinder is a professor of history at George Washington University. He is the author of two award winning books: *Nativism and Slavery: The Northern Know Nothings and the Politics of the 1850s* (1992) and *Five Points: The Nineteenth-Century New York Neighborhood that Invented Tap Dance, Stole Elections, and Became the World's Most Notorious Slum* (2001). He was a historical consultant to Martin Scorsese for the making of his film *Gangs of New York* and has lived in Arlington since 1994.

**Registration:** No registration required. This event is free and all are welcome.

**Directions:** The Arlington Central Library is located at 1015 N. Quincy Street between Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Drive. Parking is free at the Library or take Metro to Virginia Square on the Orange line.

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