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BARNES & NOBLE INC  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 19, 2005

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(September 16, 2005)  
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BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12302

06-1196501

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

10011

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 633-3300

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 16, 2005, Barnes & Noble, Inc. issued a press release

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announcing that its Board of Directors authorized a new share repurchase program of up to \$200 million. Purchases may be made in the open market and in privately negotiated transactions from time to time and in such amounts as management deems appropriate. This new share repurchase program is in addition to the \$200 million share repurchase program authorized on March 24, 2005, of which approximately \$50 million is remaining.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Barnes & Noble, Inc., dated September 16, 2005

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Joseph J. Lombardi

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Joseph J. Lombardi  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 19, 2005

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

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