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March 16, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) March 16, 2006

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12302

06-1196501

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

10011

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 633-3300

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 16, 2006, Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its results for the fourth quarter and full year ended January 28, 2006. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement the Company's consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, the Company uses the non-GAAP financial measure of operating free cash flow (defined by the Company as EBITDA, or earnings before taxes, depreciation and amortization, minus capital expenditures minus interest and taxes paid plus/minus any changes in working capital). Additionally, the Company provides certain financial results which exclude charges for fixed asset impairment and certain EPS results which exclude stock compensation expenses.

The Company's management reviews these non-GAAP financial measures internally to evaluate the Company's performance and manage its operations. Additionally, the Company believes that such information also provides investors a better understanding of the Company's current operating results and provides comparable measures to help investors understand the Company's future operating results. The non-GAAP measures included in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 have been reconciled to the comparable GAAP measures, within the written text and table included in the text, as required under SEC rules regarding the use of non-GAAP financial measures. The Company urges investors to carefully review the GAAP financial information included as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and quarterly earnings releases.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Barnes & Noble, Inc., dated March 16, 2006

SIGNATURE

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.

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(Registrant)

By: /s/Joseph J. Lombardi

Joseph J. Lombardi
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 16, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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