

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2012  
**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) February 21, 2012

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)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

## **Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 21, 2012, Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended January 28, 2012 (the “Press Release”). A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto pertaining to the Company’s financial results shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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 EBITDA (defined by the Company as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization).

The Company’s management reviews this non-GAAP measure internally to evaluate the Company’s performance and manage its operations. The Company believes that the inclusion of EBITDA results provides investors useful and important information regarding the Company’s operating results. The non-GAAP measure included in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 has been reconciled to the comparable GAAP measure 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/A, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and quarterly earnings releases.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Barnes & Noble, Inc., dated February 21, 2012

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**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.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Allen Lindstrom  
Allen Lindstrom  
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 21, 2012

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit Number   Description**

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