

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
Form 8-K  
October 03, 2008

**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) October 3, 2008 (October 1, 2008)**

**BARNES & NOBLE, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**1-12302**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**06-1196501**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(212) 633-3300**

**10011**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 1, 2008, 50,000 shares of restricted stock were issued to Mr. Joseph J. Lombardi, Chief Financial Officer of Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the Company ) and 30,000 shares of restricted stock were issued to Mr. William F. Duffy, Executive Vice President of Distribution & Logistics for the Company. Each grant of restricted stock vests in equal installments on October 1 of each of the years 2009 through 2012. The shares of restricted stock were issued under the Company's 2004 Incentive Plan.

**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/ Allen W. Lindstrom  
Allen W. Lindstrom

Vice President, Corporate Controller

Date: October 3, 2008