Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
BARNES & NOBLE 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1987

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

1400 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
WESTBURY, NY 11590

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
06-1196501

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
516-338-7148

2d Business code (see instructions)
451211

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2016	DOROTHY SCHWESKA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

1400 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
WESTBURY, NY 11590

3b Administrator's EIN: 06-1196501

3c Administrator's telephone number: 516-338-7148

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

4c PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	24903
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	22031
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	17889
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	58
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	2844
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	20791
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	17
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	20808
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	10117
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2J 2E

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	☐	Insurance
(2)	☐	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)	☐	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	X	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)	☐	**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)	☐	**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	X	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)	☐	**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	☐	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	X	**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)	☐	**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III **Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2015** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan
BARNES & NOBLE 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
06-1196501

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 65 60	RECORDKEEPER	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INST OPS CO	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AF EUROPAC GRTH R4-AMERICAN FUNDS 95-2566717	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .35%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INST OPS CO	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DAVIS NY VENTURE Y-BOSTON FINC DATA 330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .15%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INST OPS CO	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MAINSTAY LGCP GR I - NYLIM SVC 52-2206685	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .15%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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MSIF MID CAP GRTH I-BOSTON FINANCIA PO BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .15%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INST OPS CO	60	0

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WA CORE PLUS BOND I BNY MELLON INV PO BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .10%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a	Name:	**b** EIN:
c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a	Name:	**b** EIN:
c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2015

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A Name of plan
BARNES & NOBLE 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
06-1196501

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MANAGED INCOME PORTFOLIO

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	37500	37500
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	12191304	9563473
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	64804884	51269442
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	492606548	393665941
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	24011143	14326502
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	593651379	468862858
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	593651379	468862858

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	15364635	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	31912757	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		47277392
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	449179	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		449179
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	23760464	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	24011143	
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		-250679
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-7436840	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		-7436840

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		-155664
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		11158082
c Other income	2c		150000
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		51191470
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	43864390	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		43864390
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	65215	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		65215
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		43929605
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		7261865
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		132050386

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ERNST & YOUNG, LLP **(2)** EIN: 34-6565596

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	N/A	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X		
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X		

			Yes	No	N/A	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X		
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X		
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X			10000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X		
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X		
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X		
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X			
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X		
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X		
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X		
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X		
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n				
o	Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?	4o				
p	Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?	4p				

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)
BARNES & NOBLE EDUCATION 401K PLAN	46-0599018	001

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2015

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan
BARNES & NOBLE 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
06-1196501

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 1408

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-2647786

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
20b If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)?	☐ Design-based safe harbor method	☐ ADP/ACP test
20c If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))?	☐ Yes	☐ No
21a Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b):	☐ Ratio percentage test	☐ Average benefit test
21b Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes	☐ No
22a Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes?	☐ Yes	☐ No ☐ N/A

22b Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code _____ (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).

22c If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter _____/_____/_____ and the letter's serial number _____.

22d If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter _____/_____/_____.

23 Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2015 and 2014
and Year Ended December 31, 2015
With Report of Independent Auditors

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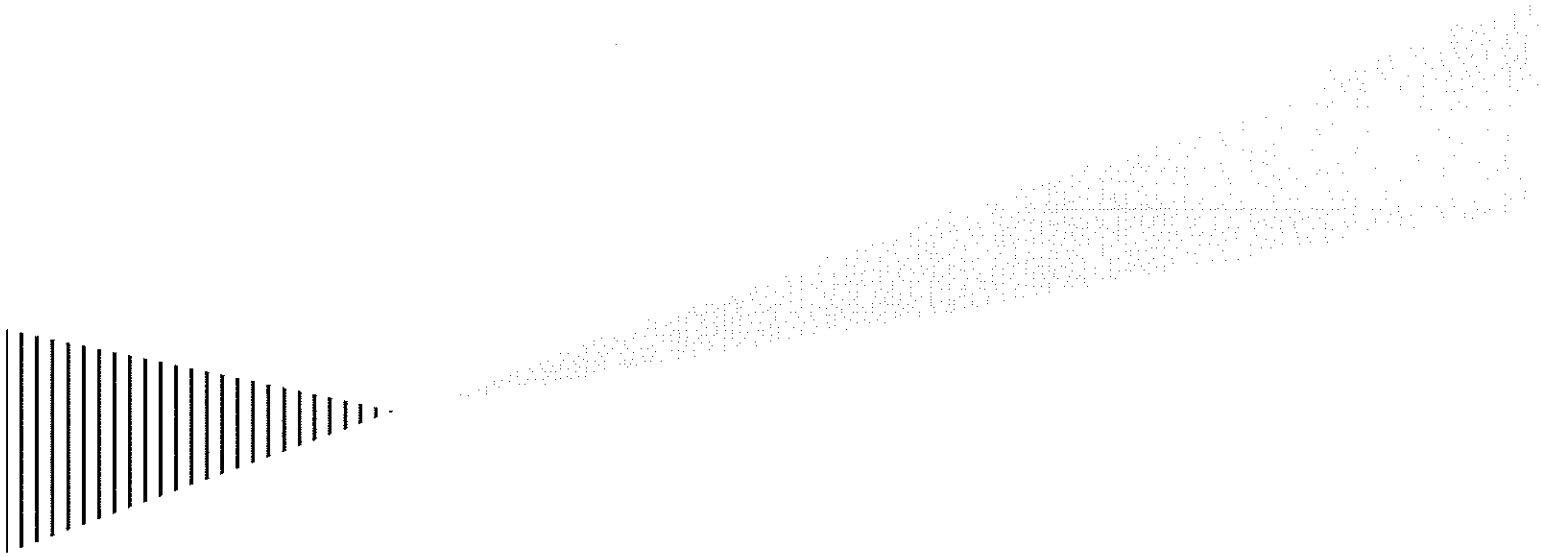

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Financial Statements
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December 31, 2015 and 2014 and Year Ended December 31, 2015

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Plan Administrator
Barnes & Noble, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Barnes & Noble, Inc. 401(k) Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the certified investment information described in Note 3, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the entity that certified the investment information meets the requirements of 29 CFR 2520.103-8. The plan administrator has obtained certifications as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for the year ended December 31, 2015, stating that the investment information provided to the plan administrator is complete and accurate.

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Disclaimer of Opinion on Financial Statements

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplemental Schedule

The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2015, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Compliance of Form and Content with Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the certified investment information, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Ernst + Young LLP

October 14, 2016

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Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2015	**2014**
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	**$ 459,261,885**	$ 580,475,354
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	**9,563,473**	12,191,304
Other receivable	**37,500**	37,500
Total receivables	**9,600,973**	12,228,804
Net assets available for benefits	**$ 468,862,858**	$ 592,704,158

See accompanying notes.

Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2015

Additions	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	$ 27,014,841
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	449,179
Other income	150,000
Contributions:	
Participants	31,912,757
Employer	15,364,635
	47,277,392
Total additions	74,891,412
Deductions	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	22,752,721
Benefit payments	43,864,390
Transfer out	132,050,386
Administrative expenses	65,215
Total deductions	198,732,712
Net decrease	123,841,300
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	592,704,158
End of year	$ 468,862,858

See accompanying notes.

Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the Company) is the Plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the Plan document and summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the Plan sponsor.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established by Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the Company or Plan Administrator) on December 30, 1986, for employees of the Company who meet certain eligibility requirements, primarily length of service.

On February 26, 2015, the Company announced plans for the legal and structural separation of Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. (Barnes & Noble Education) from the Company (the Spin-Off). On August 2, 2015, the Company completed the Spin-Off of Barnes & Noble Education. As a result of the Spin-Off, effective August 2, 2015, the assets of Barnes & Noble Education employees were transferred to the Barnes & Noble Education 401(k) Plan. Accordingly, net assets of $132,050,386 were transferred from the Plan into the Barnes & Noble Education 401(k) Plan and are recorded in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Contributions

Eligible employees may elect to contribute, through payroll deductions and stated percentages, from 1% to 75% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Employee contributions are held in trust and invested by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the Trustee) in accordance with a trust agreement. Contributions are deposited in the various investment funds of the Plan in accordance with the options selected by the participant.

The Company matches for participants an amount equal to 100% of the first 4% of a participant's contributions, plus a discretionary amount determined each Plan year by the Company. There were no discretionary contributions in 2015. Effective January 1, 2010, the Company's matching contribution is invested in the same investment funds as elected for participant contributions. Prior to this, the matching contribution was invested in the Company's Common Stock.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Participant Accounts

The Company allocates participant contributions and the Company's matching contributions to participant accounts on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, depending upon each participant's payroll cycle. The Company's discretionary contributions are allocated on a compensation basis to the accounts of eligible participants, as defined in the Plan.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their own contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are also immediately 100% vested in the value of the company-matching contributions made and discretionary contributions, if any.

Participant Loans

Eligible participants are permitted to borrow a portion of their vested balance, not to exceed one half of the lesser of the vested balance in their account or $50,000, less any other loans. Such outstanding loan balance may also not exceed $50,000 when combined with loans from other qualified plans maintained by the Company or any ERISA affiliate and no loan shall be made for less than $1,000. In addition, the following terms will apply: (a) the borrower's accounts will serve as collateral for the loan, (b) all amounts borrowed by a participant are considered segregated notes receivable from participants and are allocated directly to the respective participant separately from the other gains and losses of the Plan, (c) interest is charged at a commercially reasonable rate, (d) personal loans are payable over five years or less, home loans are payable over 15 years or less, (e) if a loan is not repaid in accordance with the terms of the promissory note and a default occurs, the loan is considered a deemed distribution, and (f) the administrative fee for processing a new loan or maintenance fee for servicing an existing loan is paid through a deduction to the individual participant's account.

Payment of Benefits

Upon separation from service with the Company due to death, disability, retirement or termination, Plan payments are made as soon as practical. A participant will receive a single lump-sum payment, unless the participant elects to receive installment payments. A participant can request installment payments on a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual basis provided their vested account

1. Description of Plan (continued)

balance exceeds $5,000 and the initial installment is $500 or more. The installment period chosen by the participant may not exceed 20 years or their life expectancy, whichever is less. A participant whose vested account balance is $5,000 or less and has not made a distribution election will automatically receive an immediate lump-sum distribution equal to their vested account balance. If a participant's vested account balance is $1,000 or less, their account will be paid in a single lump sum as soon as practical. If the vested account balance is between $1,000 and $5,000, it will be automatically rolled over to an individual retirement account (IRA) at Fidelity Investments and invested in the Fidelity Cash Reserves fund.

In-service withdrawals are available in certain limited circumstances, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring an immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a participant must exhaust all available loan options and available distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal.

Administrative Expenses

With the exception of loan processing and maintenance fees, all costs and expenses of administering the Plan and trust are paid by the Company.

Company Stock Fund

The Plan invests in common stock of the Company through its Company Stock Fund. The Company Stock Fund may also hold cash or other short-term securities, although these are expected to be a small percentage of the fund. The Company has implemented a dividend pass through election for its participants. As noted above, employer contributions had previously been made into the Company Stock Fund.

On August 2, 2015, the Company completed the Spin-Off of Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. Pursuant to the Spin-Off, participants with units of participation in the Company Stock Fund were credited with units of participation in the Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. Stock Fund (BNED stock fund). Neither Company nor employee contributions are currently made into the Company Stock Fund or the Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. Stock Fund and both are considered non-participant directed investments (see Note 4).

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to provisions of ERISA.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are recorded when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2015 or 2014. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). See Note 5 for further discussion and disclosures related to fair value measurements.

The Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio (MIP) is a stable-value investment that are valued at the net asset value of shares held which is based on the value of the underlying assets. Plan participants acquire investment units in the MIP, typically at $1.00 per unit, with each unit representing an undivided interest in the underlying assets of the MIP. The MIP is a common/collective trust fund that invests primarily in fixed-income securities and cash equivalents. Investment yields vary based on the underlying investments in the portfolio.

Participant directed redemptions have no restrictions, provided that the exchange is not directed into a competing fund (money market funds or certain other types of fixed income funds). Transferred amounts must be held in a non-competing investment option for 90 days before subsequent transfers to a competing fund can occur. The Plan is required to provide a one-year redemption notice to liquidate its entire share in the MIP.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ASU No. 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): (Part I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures, (Part III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient.* The standard simplifies accounting for employee benefit plans as follows: Part I; fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are now to be measured, presented and disclosed at contract value, Part II; the requirement to disclose investments that represent 5 percent or more of net assets available for benefits has been eliminated, the net appreciation or depreciation in investments for the period should be presented in the aggregate but

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

is no longer required to be disaggregated and disclosed by general type, if an investment is measured using the net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient in Topic 820, and that investment is in a fund that files a U.S. Department of Labor Form 5500, *Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan,* as a direct filing entity, disclosure of that investment's strategy is no longer required, and Part III; allows employers to measure (as a practical expedient) benefit plan assets on a month-end date nearest to the employer's fiscal year end when the fiscal period does not coincide with a month end. The amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. The Company has early adopted Part II of this guidance as of December 31, 2015. Parts I and III do not apply.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)* (ASU 2015-07). Under ASU 2015-07, investments for which the practical expedient is used to measure fair value at NAV must be removed from the fair value hierarchy. Instead, those investments must be included as a reconciling line item so that the total fair value amount of investments in the disclosure is consistent with the amount in the balance sheet. Further, ASU 2015-07 requires entities to provide certain disclosures only for investments for which they elect to use the NAV practical expedient to determine fair value. ASU 2015-07 is effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. The Company has early adopted this guidance as of December 31, 2015.

3. Investments

All investment information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held and notes receivable from participants at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2015, was obtained or derived from information provided to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the Trustee of the Plan.

4. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

Information about the net assets and the significant components of changes in net assets related to the nonparticipant-directed investments are as follows:

	December 31	
	2015	**2014**
Barnes & Noble, Inc. Stock Fund	**$ 8,416,719**	$ 24,011,143
Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. Stock Fund	**5,909,783**	–

	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Change in net assets:	
Dividends and interest income	$ 285,327
Net depreciation in fair value of investment	(7,687,519)
Administrative fees	(3,986)
Transfers to participant – directed investments	(677,763)
Distributions to participants	(1,580,940)
Transfer out	(19,760)
	$ (9,684,641)

5. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., an exit price). The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

5. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
- Observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management's own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety.

Following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets measured at fair value by the Plan.

Mutual Funds

Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Company Stock Fund

The unitized employer stock fund is valued at quoted market prices and is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

5. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

BNED Stock Fund

The unitized stock fund is valued at quoted market prices and is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Common Collective Trust

This investment is a public investment vehicle valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the trust. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the trust, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV of the trust is not assigned to a category within the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets carried at fair value.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2015	
	Level 1	**Total**
Company stock fund	**$ 8,416,719**	**$ 8,416,719**
BNED stock fund	**5,909,783**	**5,909,783**
Mutual funds	**393,665,941**	**393,665,941**
Investments in the fair value hierarchy	**407,992,443**	**407,992,443**
Common collective trust		**51,269,442**
Total assets at fair value		**$ 459,261,885**

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2014	
	Level 1	**Total**
Company stock fund	$ 24,011,143	$ 24,011,143
Mutual funds	492,606,548	492,606,548
Investments in the fair value hierarchy	516,617,691	516,617,691
Common collective trust		63,857,663
Total assets at fair value		$ 580,475,354

6. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2014, to the Form 5500:

	December 31, 2014
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 592,704,158
Add: Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contracts	947,221
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 593,651,379

The following is a reconciliation of net decrease per the financial statements to total income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2015:

Net decrease per the financial statements	$ 123,841,300
Less: Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts at December 31, 2014	947,221
Net decrease per the Form 5500	$ 124,788,521

7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

8. Related Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by an affiliate of Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Trustee of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for loan processing and maintenance amounted to approximately $65,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The Plan received a revenue credit from the Trustee totaling $150,000, of which $112,500 was received in 2015. The remaining $37,500 was received in 2016 and is included in other receivable on the statement of net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015. Additionally, $37,500 of revenue credits received in 2015 related to the year ended December 31, 2014. The Plan Administrator has directed the Trustee to allocate these amounts to pay expenses of the Plan and amounts to participant accounts in 2015. Participant loans also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

9. Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated May 9, 2012, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The Plan Administrator has indicated that it will take the necessary steps, if any, to bring the Plan's operations into compliance with the Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. On May 3, 2016, the Company received notification from the IRS that the Plan was going to be audited for 2014. There are currently no other audits for any tax periods in progress.

10. Subsequent Events

Management evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through October 14, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan

EIN #06-1196501 Plan #001

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2015

	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
*	Barnes & Noble, Inc. Stock Fund	Unitized Nondiversified Stock Fund, with 1,749,838 units of Barnes &Noble, Inc. Common Stock Fund.	$ 14,094,560	$ 8,416,719
*	Barnes & Noble Education, Inc. Stock Fund	Unitized Nondiversified Stock Fund, with 1,082,378 units of Barnes &Noble Education, Inc. Common Stock Fund.	7,919,461	5,909,783
*	Managed Income Portfolio	Common collective trust, with 51,269,442 participating units.	**	51,269,442
	MainStay Large Cap Growth Fund – Class R1	Mutual fund, with 3,296,301 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	32,402,634
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund – Admiral Shares	Mutual fund, with 158,797 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	8,424,167
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	Mutual fund, with 423,155 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	3,871,865
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund – Class R4	Mutual fund, with 71,924 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	3,201,335
	Western Asset Core Plus Bond – Institutional Class	Mutual fund, with 679,886 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	7,771,093
*	Fidelity Equity K Income Fund	Mutual fund, with 717,166 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	36,618,490
*	Fidelity Growth Company K Fund	Mutual fund, with 536,303 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	73,387,723

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
* Fidelity Asset Manager 50%	Mutual fund, with 989,253 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	$ 15,867,616
* Fidelity Diversified International K Fund	Mutual fund, with 527,322 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	18,451,006
* Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	Mutual fund, with 672,058 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	11,673,651
* Fidelity Freedom K Income Fund	Mutual fund, with 472,814 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	5,371,166
* Fidelity Freedom K 2005 Fund	Mutual fund, with 6,426 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	79,558
* Fidelity Freedom K 2010 Fund	Mutual fund, with 415,834 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	5,131,391
* Fidelity Freedom K 2015 Fund	Mutual fund, with 262,189 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	3,356,021
* Fidelity Freedom K 2020 Fund	Mutual fund, with 1,483,308 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	20,054,318
* Fidelity Freedom K 2025 Fund	Mutual fund, with 794,978 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	11,209,183
* Fidelity Freedom K 2030 Fund	Mutual fund, with 1,883,901 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	26,996,296
* Fidelity Freedom K 2035 Fund	Mutual fund, with 579,443 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	8,552,586
* Fidelity Freedom K 2040 Fund	Mutual fund, with 906,490 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	13,406,983
* Fidelity Freedom K 2045 Fund	Mutual fund, with 513,239 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	7,806,363

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2050 Fund	Mutual fund, with 543,919 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	$ 8,338,275
*	Fidelity Value K Fund	Mutual fund, with 166,350 participating units which is a registered investment company.	**	15,939,695
*	Janus Enterprise N Fund	Mutual fund, with 125,187 participating units which is a registered investment company.	**	10,847,415
*	Spartan U.S. Bond Index Fund – Institutional Class	Mutual fund, with 1,613,690 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	18,541,303
*	Spartan 500 Index Fund – Institutional Class	Mutual fund, with 340,220 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	24,431,168
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2055 Fund	Mutual fund, with 165,182 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	1,874,818
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2060 Fund	Mutual fund, with 6,061 participating units, which is a registered investment company.	**	59,822
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Notes receivable from participants in the Plan due at various maturity dates, ranging from June 2015 to December 2030. Loans are secured by the Participant's account balance. Interest rates on these loans are fixed at 1% above prime on the date of loan commencement, ranging from 4.25% to 9.25%.		9,563,473
				$ 468,825,358

* *Party-in-interest*

** *Participant-directed investment, cost not required*

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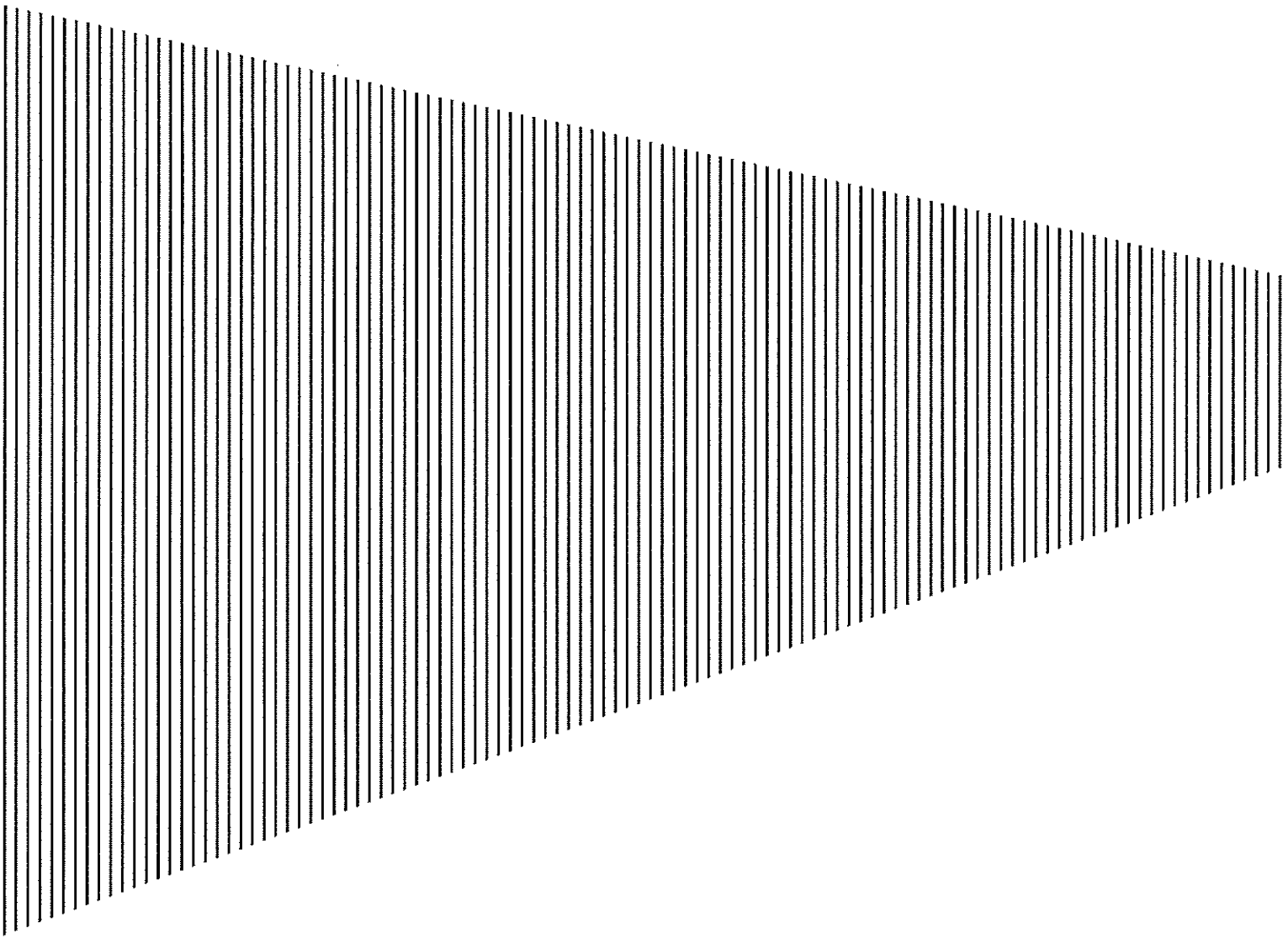

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2015** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning and ending

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f		
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l		

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)		
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☐ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **(2)** EIN:

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:		Yes	No	N/A	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a				
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b				

			Yes	No	N/A	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c				
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d				
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e				
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f				
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g				
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h				
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i				
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j				
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k				
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l				
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m				
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n				
o	Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?	4o				
p	Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?	4p				

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name Barnes & Noble 401(k) Plan **EIN:** 06-1196501
Plan Sponsor's Name Barnes & Noble, Inc. **PN:** 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Managed Income Portfolio	Common Collective Trust 51,269,442 units	0	51,269,442
*	Barnes & Noble, Inc. Stock Fund	Unitized Nondiversified Stock Fund 1,749,838 units	14,094,560	8,416,719
*	Fidelity Growth Company K Fund	Mutual Fund 536,303 units	0	73,387,723
*	Fidelity Equity K Income Fund	Mutual Fund 717,166 units	0	36,618,490
*	Spartan US Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund 1,613,690 units	0	18,541,303
	Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund 3,296,301 units	0	32,402,634
*	Barnes & Noble, Edu Stock Fund	Unitized Nondiversified Stock Fund 1,082,378 units	7,919,461	5,909,783

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*	Fidelity Asset Manager 50%	Mutual Fund 989,253 units	0	15,867,616
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund 1,883,901 units	0	26,996,296
*	Fidelity Diversified Intl K Fund	Mutual Fund 527,322 units	0	18,451,006
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Maturity dates range from June 2015 to December 2030. Interest rates on these loans are fixed at 1% above prime on the date of loan commencement ranging from 4.25% to 9.25%	0	9,563,473
*	Spartan 500 Index Fund - Inst'l	Mutual Fund 340,220 units	0	24,431,168
*	Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	Mutual Fund 672,058 units	0	11,673,651
*	Janus Enterprise N Fund	Mutual Fund 125,187 units	0	10,847,415

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*	Fidelity Value K Fund	Mutual Fund 166,350 units	0	15,939,695
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund 165,182 units	0	1,874,818
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund 906,490 units	0	13,406,983
	Western Asset Core Plus - Inst'l	Mutual Fund 679,886 units	0	7,771,093
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth	Mutual Fund 71,924 units	0	3,201,335
*	Fidelity Freedom K Income Fund	Mutual Fund 472,814 units	0	5,371,166
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund 543,919 units	0	8,338,275

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	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund 158,797 units	0	8,424,167
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund 579,443 units	0	8,552,586
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index	Mutual Fund 423,155 units	0	3,871,865
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund 513,239 units	0	7,806,363
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2005 Fund	Mutual Fund 6,426 units	0	79,558
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund 415,834 units	0	5,131,391
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund 262,189 units	0	3,356,021

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*	Fidelity Freedom K 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund 1,483,308 units	0	20,054,318
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund 794,978 units	0	11,209,183
*	Fidelity Freedom K 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund 6,061 units	0	59,822