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 June 21, 2005

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2005

Registration No. 333-[\_\_\_\_\_]\_

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 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8  
 REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
 Under  
 The Securities Act of 1933

BOOKS-A-MILLION, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
 (State of other jurisdiction  
 of incorporation or organization)

63-0798460  
 (I.R.S. Employer  
 Identification No.)

402 Industrial Lane  
 Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
 (205) 942-3737

(Address of principal  
 executive offices)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
 including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

BOOKS-A-MILLION, INC. 2005 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN  
 (Full title of the plan)

Sandra B. Cochran  
 President and Chief Executive Officer  
 Books-A-Million, Inc.  
 402 Industrial Lane  
 Birmingham, Alabama 35211  
 (205) 942-3737

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
 including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

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Calculation of Registration Fee

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount of Shares to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock<br>\$.01 par value      | 300,000                              | \$8.56  | \$2,568,000                                   |

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- (1) The Books-A-Million, Inc. 2005 Incentive Award Plan (the "Plan") authorizes the issuance of up to a maximum of 300,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Books-A-Million, Inc. (the "Company"). Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable to prevent dilution from any future stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction are also being registered.
- (2) For purposes of computing the registration fee only. Pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, the Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share is based upon the average of the high and low trading prices of the Common Stock as reported on the National Association of Securities Dealers' Automated Quotation Service on June 14, 2005.

### PART I

- Item 1. Plan Information
- Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.
- Item 2. Registration Information and Employee Plan Annual Information
- Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

### PART II

- Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents, which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), by the Company, are hereby incorporated as of their respective dates in this Registration Statement by reference:

- A. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2005.
- B. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2005.
- C. The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on the following dates: March 9, 2005, March 11, 2005 (8-K/A), March 18, 2005, March 22, 2005, May 5, 2005, May 16, 2005, May 20, 2005, June 3, 2005 and June 7, 2005.
- D. The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on S-1 (File No. 33-52256), including any amendment or report filed for the purposes of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which is also or is

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deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware provides that a corporation may indemnify its directors and officers against civil and criminal liabilities. Directors and officers may be indemnified against expenses if they acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action, if they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A director or officer may be indemnified against expenses incurred in connection with a derivative suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made without court approval if such person was adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation. The statutory indemnification is not exclusive of any rights provided by by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Article X of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation sets forth the extent to which the Company's directors and officers may be indemnified against liabilities and other monetary expenses which they may incur while serving in such capacities. Such indemnification will be provided to the full extent permitted and in the manner required by the General Corporation Law of Delaware. Article VI of the Company's By-laws also provides that the directors and officers of the Company will be indemnified against any losses incurred in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Company or served with another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise at the request of the Company and will provide advances, for expenses incurred in defending any such action, suit or proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such officer or director to repay such advances, if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to indemnification by the Company.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

A list of exhibits included as part of this Registration Statement is set forth on the Exhibit Index appearing elsewhere herein and is incorporate herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

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(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) shall not apply to information contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's Annual Report pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Birmingham, State of Alabama, on June 21, 2005.

BOOKS-A-MILLION, INC.

By:   /s/ Sandra B. Cochran    
Name: Sandra B. Cochran  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned officers and directors of the Company hereby severally constitutes and appoints Sandra B. Cochran the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities (unless revoked in writing), to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any and all amendments thereto, including any post-effective amendments as well as any related registration statement (or amended thereto) filed in reliance upon Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, as amended and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting to such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully as to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might and could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature  | T   | Date Signed   |
|--|---|---------------|
| <u>  /s/ Sandra B. Cochran  </u><br>-----<br>Sandra B. Cochran         | President and Chief Executive<br>Officer<br>(Principal Executive Officer)   | June 21, 2005 |
| <u>  /s/ Richard S. Wallington  </u><br>-----<br>Richard S. Wallington | Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principial Financial<br>and Accounting Officer) | June 21, 2005 |
| <u>  /s/ Clyde B. Anderson  </u><br>-----<br>Clyde B. Anderson         | Executive Chairman of the Board<br>of Directors                             | June 21, 2005 |
| <u>  /s/ Terry C. Anderson  </u><br>-----<br>Terry C. Anderson         | Director  | June 21, 2005 |
| <u>  /s/ Ronald G. Bruno  </u><br>-----                                | Director  | June 21, 2005 |

