

BOOKS A MILLION INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COCHRAN SANDRA B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOOKS A MILLION INC [BAMM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
402 INDUSTRIAL LANE, C/O  
BOOKS A MILLION

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT & CEO / SEE REMARKS BELOW

(Street)  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)          | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                          |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/15/2008                           |                                                    | P <sup>(1)</sup>               | 145                                                               | A                                                                                             | \$ 1.9249                                                | 322,380 <sup>(3)</sup> D                   |
|                                          |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | (2)                                                                                           |                                                          |                                            |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                         | Relationships |           |                 |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other             |
| COCHRAN SANDRA B<br>402 INDUSTRIAL LANE<br>C/O BOOKS A MILLION<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211 | X             |           | PRESIDENT & CEO | SEE REMARKS BELOW |

## Signatures

MARTIN R. ABROMS, BY POWER OF ATTORNEY  
Date: 12/17/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The purchase reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 3, 2008, which plan became effective on December 7, 2008.
- (2) This price represents the weighted average purchase price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions reported on this line ranged from \$1.90 to \$1.98 per share. Upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, the reporting person will undertake to provide full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
- (3) Includes 213,716 unvested shares of restricted stock that vest as follows: January 31, 2009 (40,711 shares), January 31, 2010 (23,005 shares), January 31, 2011 (120,000 shares), and January 31, 2012 (30,000 shares).

### Remarks:

The reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act ) which owns more than 10% of the Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Issuer. The reporting person does not have (i) any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or (ii) the power to vote or dispose of, or the power to direct the vote or disposition of, any Common Stock of the Issuer held by any other person, including,

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without limitation, any other person who may be deemed to be a member of such group. Accordingly, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities of the Issuer held by any other person, including, without limitation, any other person who may be deemed to be a member of such group, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of Section 16 under the Securities Exchange Act or otherwise.

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