

# Historic Batavia windmill returns

Batavia, IL--Batavia Public Library's historic windmill was reinstalled Saturday, May 13, after a two-year absence for repairs.

Paul Behrends, owner of Paul's Windmill & Crane Service in Foosland, IL., led the installation and preparation of the mill's tower.

The Challenge direct stroke machine, dating to 1900s-1920s, was installed at the library in 2002 after donations by Jerry Rundle and Batavia Jaycees club. The windmill was built Challenge Wind Mill and Feed Mill Co., one of six windmill companies based in Batavia.

According to "Windmill City: A Guide to the Historic Windmills of Batavia, Illinois," the library's windmill is among 18 windmills in the city.

The library is at 10 S. Batavia Ave. in Batavia.



**PHOTO:** Paul Behrends, owner of Paul's Windmill & Crane Service of Foosland, Ill., reinstalls Batavia Public Library's historic windmill Saturday, May 13, after a two-year absence for repairs. (Al Benson photo)