

Helena College Campus Report for March 2026 BOR Meeting

Helena College is listed among the contributing institutions for the book, *The Missouri, America's Longest River: A Cultural and Environmental History*. **Kris Goss** worked with Jeffery A. Johnson and the publishers, specifically on the chapter titled Calmer Waters: Fort Benton, Montana's Cultural and Commercial Transition, 1870 - 1890. The book will be available on Amazon April 15, 2026.

On **February 18, 2026, the Library Learning Hub** distributed copies of the **United States Flag Code to all the students**. The library has developed copies of the Flag Code to raise awareness of the history and expectations for displaying the flag and to prepare for the United States' semi quincentennial this summer with renewed knowledge about our flag.

In February, **Virginia Reeves, HC Writing Instructor & Author**, led a conversation with internationally celebrated author David Guterson about his new novel, *Evelyn in Transit*. The event was held at the Montana Book Company in Helena.

As part of the institutional innovation project, 34 Helena College instructors are completing the **Effective Teaching Practices (ETP) certification** through the **Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)**. This program teaches educators how to create engaging, inclusive, and effective online learning environments by focusing on skills like promoting active learning, designing learner-centered courses, creating productive virtual environments, and fostering student inquiry.

Congratulations to the **Fall 2025 Semester Library Learning Hub Research** award recipients. The Library Research prize is generously sponsored by the Law Firm of Jackson, Murdo, and Grant, PC.

- **Paper Award Winner: Amara Valley**, "Reimagining Juvenile Justice" Veronica Morhmann, Instructor
- **Paper Award Runner Up: Erick Allen**, "Biological Engineering Advancements in Tooth Regeneration" Rick Henry, Instructor
- **Presentation Award Winner: Jami Montgomery**, "Pawsitive Impact" Michaela Parker, Instructor

Helena College Nursing students offered a senior fitness fair at Touchmark in February. Students worked with residents to complete a variety of exercises and coached residents on future health goals.

Helena College Nursing Students at Touchmark

