

International Collaboration & Exchange



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THE OPEN WORLD PROGRAM



Senator Nelson with Dr. Billington & Russian Medical Doctors.



Regional Economic Development – Fishing Industry and Tourism, Russian Far East, May 2019

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Georgian National Park Managers, June 2022



Georgian and Armenian Delegates at the Department of Interior

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



Virtual program with Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Superintendent and SBHP Director, Jeanette Koelsch, and Beringia National Park in Chukotka, Russia Director, Vladimir Bychkov. May 2021



“There is in fact no subject to which a member of Congress may not have occasion to refer.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1814

HISTORY



Senator Stevens, Dr. Billington, President Yelstin,
President Clinton, & Senator Lugar



Former Librarian of Congress Dr. James Billington

Melting the Ice Curtain The Extraordinary Story of Citizen Diplomacy
on the Russia-Alaska Frontier

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Melting the Ice Curtain: The Extraordinary Story of Citizen Diplomacy on the Russia-Alaska Frontier

by David Ramseur

“From science to citizen diplomacy, the Ice Curtain era showed that local collaboration can improve overall relations between our countries. The area of most productive cooperation is managing a changing Arctic.”

“The U.S. and Russia need one another’s help to tackle the problems that will matter beyond today’s news cycle. Ramseur’s book outlines a blueprint for cooperation in the Arctic region, which is vital not only for managing the region’s precious resources, but for addressing looming threats to national and global security.”

**Matt Rojansky,
former Director of the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center,
current President & CEO of the US-Russia Foundation**

“David Ramseur’s book recalls a more hopeful time when Russia was striving for democratic reforms, and when U.S.-Russia relations were defined by cooperation and goodwill. It is also a valuable reminder that nothing is predetermined, and that we should never cease to work for a better tomorrow.”

**Vladimir Kara-Murza,
Russian Politician and Civic Activist, poisoned multiple times by the
Putin regime and currently imprisoned in Russia**

THANK YOU



QUESTIONS?