

Introduction of new music & reading rooms specially adapted to residents, at the Manoir les Générations!



In Rimouski, Manoir Les Générations residents with visual or auditory loss can now benefit from two new entertainment rooms specially adapted to their condition, where they will be able to enjoy hobbies such as reading or listening to music.

→ Mrs. Nathalie Fillion, Manoir Les Générations residence director; and Mr. Yves Duguay, regional director

These two rooms benefit from a modern, relax atmosphere and are located on the fourth floor of the Manor's "Phase 1". Both rooms include many different accessibility devices for seniors to enjoy reading or music despite their visual or auditory limitations.

A video magnifier (which increases the text size in a book when reading), audiobook players, wireless headphones, reading lamps, a computer unit with a large keyboard: all these accessibility devices have been made available for residents to relax and enjoy their hobbies comfortably.

"This is an exciting project, a milestone for me," explains Mrs. Nathalie Fillion, Manoir Les Générations director. "My challenge was to attract our Phase 2 residents in our Phase 1 building, with a more dynamic space, a reading room and a music room. I'm happy that residents now are able to continue enjoying books and music."

"What a great Christmas gift!" says one of the many residents who were present in the unveiling of these new tools. "My father is an ophtalmologist – I am happy to see how this project will help people suffering from sight degeneration," explains the regional manager, Mr. Yves Duguay.

This project was initiated by the residence director, who wanted to improve her resident's well-being by converting two storage areas. Mrs. Fillion got Mr. Duguay on board with the project, and received unexpected help from the family of Mr. Fernand Roy, a former resident. Mr. Roy lived four years at the Manoir – during this time, he purchased a video magnifier to help with his macular degeneration. After his death last year, his family decided to donate the expensive machine to the residence.

"We are extremely proud of this pioneer initiative. I am confident that this initiative will represent a big step for all seniors' residences across Quebec. In his last days, my father asked us to help people suffering from the same illness as him; that's why we decided to help the residence," explains Mr. Roy's son, Jean-Claude Roy. This room bears the name of its benefactor – Mr. Roy's portrait and biography has been proudly displayed near the entrance.