

Copiers work for two days in a row. Suspicious activity...

Normally such behavior wouldn't be noteworthy but the fact that all the copiers in all the public libraries in all three counties in western Maryland (that's 19 libraries in case you're counting) worked for two days straight without giving the library staff any kind of grief...well, that's just plain strange.

"At first I thought it was just my branch," says one anonymous branch manager. "But then I started getting phone calls from other branches. All their copiers were working! No jamming, no running out of ink. No nothing! That's when I called WMRL to see if they had heard of anything from the other two counties...and they had!"

"Yeah, the phone calls started around 1pm or so. People were really worried," says Sally Hull, aforementioned copier whisperer. "So, I started keeping a tally of the branches I heard from and a note about how their copiers were behaving. It was weird. They were all working really, really well."

But the oddity was not to last. After the 2nd day of compliant copier behavior, the Epsoms and Minoltas and Xeroxes everywhere resumed their shenanigans: not duplexing properly, running out of ink at the least opportune times, jamming the paper into accordion fans, you know, the usual. And the staff could breathe easily once more.