

Integration of Literature Learning and Technology Through the Creation of Student Poetry Podcasts

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ABSTRACT

The development of digital technology has created new opportunities for literature learning in higher education, particularly in enhancing students' creativity and literary appreciation skills. This study aims to describe the integration of literature learning and technology through the creation of poetry podcasts as a medium for expression and literary appreciation. The research employed a qualitative descriptive approach involving students from the Indonesian Language Education study program. Data were collected through observation, interviews, and documentation of students' podcast projects. The findings indicate that producing poetry podcasts increases students' interest in reading literary works, deepens their understanding of poetic aesthetics, and improves their speaking and creative thinking skills. The integration of technology in literature learning has proven effective in fostering contextual, interactive, and digitally relevant learning experiences.

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INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of digital technology has brought significant transformation to the landscape of education, including literature learning in higher education. Traditional literature classes that once relied solely on printed texts are now evolving toward interactive and multimodal digital formats. Students are no longer confined to textual analysis but are encouraged to express literary understanding through creative and communicative digital media. This shift requires pedagogical innovation to ensure that literature learning remains relevant to the digital generation. Integrating technology into literature instruction serves as a bridge between literary traditions and contemporary digital culture, ensuring that literature education continues to foster creativity and appreciation in modern academic contexts.

Literature plays an essential role in developing students' character, empathy, and social awareness. Through literary works, students can internalize moral values, human experiences, and emotional depth conveyed through artistic language. However, many students perceive literature learning as overly theoretical and less engaging, resulting in declining interest and participation. To overcome this

challenge, literature instruction must be presented in ways that are both appealing and relatable to students' digital lifestyles. One promising approach is the use of podcasts as an innovative medium for literature learning, particularly for poetry appreciation. This approach allows literature to transcend the boundaries of text and be revived through auditory and expressive experiences.

A podcast, as a digital audio-based medium, provides students with opportunities to express ideas, emotions, and interpretations of literary works creatively and freely. According to Fitria (2021), podcasts are highly effective for language and literature education because they enhance speaking, listening, and interpretive skills. In the context of poetry learning, podcasts enable students to recite poems with unique intonation, rhythm, and emotion, thereby deepening their understanding of poetic structures, diction, and meaning. In this way, technology functions not merely as a tool but as a new aesthetic space for experiencing and expressing literature. It transforms literary learning into an active and engaging process that integrates performance and reflection.

The integration of technology into literature learning also aligns with the principles of blended learning and student-centered pedagogy in higher education. Students are encouraged to take an active role in creating digital products based on literary content. Lestari and Suharto (2019) emphasize that digital media usage in language and literature classes can enhance student motivation and engagement. Through podcast projects, students become not just recipients of literary knowledge but also creative producers of aesthetic and educational works. This process cultivates a sense of ownership, agency, and appreciation for literary expression, while also developing collaborative and technical competencies needed in the 21st century.

Furthermore, podcast-based poetry learning strengthens students' speaking and listening skills—two essential aspects of academic and professional communication. As Wijayanti (2020) notes, oral poetry reading enhances linguistic rhythm, pronunciation accuracy, and emotional expression. Through audio production, students learn to adjust tone, pacing, and background music to create a more immersive auditory experience. This encourages both creative and critical thinking in interpreting and performing poetry. Thus, podcasts serve a dual function: they act as learning media and as platforms for artistic self-expression, demonstrating that literature education can embrace modernity without losing its humanistic essence.

In higher education settings, implementing poetry podcast projects fosters collaboration and shared appreciation among students. These projects often take the form of group assignments where each member contributes to poem selection, interpretation, narration, editing, and publishing. Susanto (2022) suggests that project-based collaborative learning promotes teamwork, communication, and mutual responsibility. Furthermore, by publishing their works on digital platforms such as Spotify or Anchor, students expand the reach of literary appreciation to a broader audience. Literature thereby becomes more inclusive and alive within the

digital public sphere, connecting academic learning with real-world creative practice.

Podcast creation also supports the development of 21st-century competencies—critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication (the 4Cs). Rahmawati (2023) emphasizes that interactive digital learning fosters reflective engagement with texts and builds confidence in public communication. As students plan and record their poetry podcasts, they analyze, interpret, and refine their expressive delivery. This creative process not only enhances literary understanding but also nurtures digital literacy and self-expression. Consequently, the poetry podcast project emerges as a pedagogical strategy that integrates aesthetic sensitivity with technological fluency, preparing students for both cultural and digital participation.

Despite its many benefits, the integration of technology into literature education still faces challenges such as limited digital literacy, resource constraints, and varying technical skills among students. Institutional support in the form of training, infrastructure, and sustainable digital learning policies is therefore essential. With proper guidance, students can develop both the technical and aesthetic dimensions of podcast production, leading to high-quality and meaningful literary creations. Addressing these challenges opens new opportunities for curriculum innovation that adapts to technological change. Ultimately, integrating technology into literature learning through podcast production represents a promising pedagogical transformation—making literature not only studied but also brought to life through voice and sound in the digital era.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The integration of literature learning and technology has become a growing research focus in the field of digital pedagogy. Scholars argue that technology is not merely a tool for delivering content but a medium that reshapes how learners engage with texts, meanings, and creativity (Lestari & Suharto, 2019). In the past, literature instruction was confined to reading, analyzing, and discussing written works within a classroom. However, the digital revolution has shifted this paradigm toward multimodal engagement, where sound, image, and interactive media contribute to the literary experience. This transformation challenges educators to adapt literature pedagogy to the digital generation, emphasizing critical thinking, creativity, and participation in knowledge production. In this context, podcasts represent one of the most flexible and human-centered technological tools for literary expression and appreciation.

The relationship between literature learning and technology is grounded in constructivist and sociocultural theories of education. According to Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, learning occurs through interaction, collaboration, and mediated experiences. Digital tools such as podcasts act as mediating artifacts that

help students construct meaning from literary texts through communication and collaboration. Constructivist principles view students as active creators of knowledge rather than passive recipients. When students produce poetry podcasts, they engage in processes of selection, interpretation, and performance that deepen their understanding of literature. Thus, integrating technology into literary education aligns with modern learning theories that emphasize experiential, reflective, and collaborative approaches.

Literature learning has traditionally aimed to develop aesthetic appreciation, linguistic sensitivity, and emotional intelligence. As Wellek and Warren (1949) stated, literature is both an artistic and communicative act that expresses human values through language. However, contemporary educational research highlights that literature must also cultivate digital literacy and creativity in response to 21st-century demands. Integrating digital media, such as podcasts, provides new ways to interact with literary texts beyond reading and writing. It allows learners to experience literature through sound and performance, linking textual interpretation with expressive delivery. Consequently, students not only analyze poetry intellectually but also embody it through voice, rhythm, and tone, making literature learning more immersive and empathetic.

Podcasting, as a digital form of storytelling, offers unique pedagogical advantages in language and literature education. Fitria (2021) found that podcasts enhance speaking, listening, and interpretive skills by encouraging students to experiment with oral expression. Through recording and editing, students learn to modulate their voices, express emotions, and convey literary meaning effectively. In poetry education, the podcast medium serves as a bridge between textual understanding and artistic performance. Students are encouraged to read poetry aloud, interpret emotional nuances, and design an auditory experience that resonates with listeners. This process nurtures creativity, self-expression, and critical interpretation simultaneously, making podcasts an innovative tool for aesthetic learning.

Several studies have emphasized the positive outcomes of integrating technology in literature learning. Wijayanti (2020) reported that using audio media in poetry learning enhances students' awareness of linguistic rhythm and emotional tone. Similarly, Susanto (2022) noted that project-based digital learning fosters collaboration, motivation, and appreciation among students. The use of podcasts encourages learners to engage both cognitively and affectively with literary texts. Unlike traditional learning methods, podcast projects require students to make creative decisions—choosing appropriate poems, determining delivery styles, and designing soundscapes. These decisions foster ownership and intrinsic motivation, which are essential for deep learning and sustained engagement with literature.

The integration of digital technology into literature education also reflects the evolving concept of literacy itself. Today's learners are expected to possess multiliteracies, encompassing not only reading and writing but also digital, visual, and media literacy (Rahmawati, 2023). In this framework, producing poetry

podcasts becomes an act of multimodal communication that combines linguistic, auditory, and aesthetic skills. Students practice critical media awareness by considering audience, sound quality, copyright, and ethical content sharing. This reinforces the educational purpose of literature as both an artistic and civic practice. Thus, podcast-based literature learning develops not only literary appreciation but also responsible digital citizenship.

In terms of pedagogy, the use of podcasts aligns with the principles of project-based learning (PBL) and experiential learning. Dewi (2021) asserts that project-based learning encourages creativity, collaboration, and reflective thinking through authentic tasks. By creating poetry podcasts, students experience the full process of literary production—from interpretation to publication. This hands-on approach fosters metacognitive awareness, where students evaluate their creative and technical choices. Furthermore, it bridges academic study with real-world media practice, making literature education more applicable to contemporary communication contexts. Through podcast creation, students learn to balance aesthetic quality with technological competence, embodying the essence of holistic learning.

Finally, integrating literature and technology through podcast production contributes to the broader mission of higher education: preparing students to navigate complex cultural and technological environments. As digital natives, university students need opportunities to use technology not just for consumption but for meaningful creation. The poetry podcast project situates literature as a living, evolving art form that adapts to new modes of communication. It allows students to rediscover the beauty of poetic language while mastering the tools of the digital age. Theoretical and empirical evidence therefore supports the idea that podcast-based literature learning enhances aesthetic sensitivity, technological fluency, and collaborative creativity. This synergy reflects the future direction of literature education—where art and technology coexist to nurture intelligent, expressive, and culturally literate individuals.

METHOD

Design and Sample

This study employed a qualitative descriptive research design, aiming to explore the process and outcomes of integrating literature learning and technology through the creation of student poetry podcasts. A qualitative approach was chosen because it allows for an in-depth understanding of students' experiences, perceptions, and creative engagement during the learning process. The focus was on describing how the integration of technology specifically podcast production enhanced students' appreciation, creativity, and communication skills in literary learning. Rather than measuring variables statistically, this study sought to interpret meaning and context as they naturally occurred in the classroom setting.

The research was conducted in the Indonesian Language and Literature Education Study Program at Universitas Pahlawan Tuanku Tambusai during the 2024/2025 academic year. The participants were 25 students enrolled in the “Literary Appreciation” course. These students were selected purposively based on their active participation in class and willingness to engage in digital-based learning projects. The course was designed to integrate digital tools and literary activities, providing students with opportunities to express literary understanding through performance and technology. The researcher acted as a participant observer, facilitating, guiding, and simultaneously observing the learning process from planning to evaluation.

Instrument and Procedures

The data collection process involved three primary techniques: observation, interviews, and documentation. Classroom observations were conducted to record student participation, collaboration, and responses during the podcast creation process. Semi-structured interviews were used to gather students’ reflections on their learning experiences, challenges, and perceived benefits of using podcast media. Documentation included students’ recorded podcast files, production notes, and reflective journals, which served as concrete evidence of their creative output. Triangulation of these three data sources ensured the validity and credibility of the findings. The combination of these methods allowed for a comprehensive understanding of both the process and the pedagogical implications of integrating technology into literature learning.

The learning process followed several structured stages. First, students were introduced to the concept of podcasts and their relevance to literature learning. Second, they selected poems—either classical or contemporary—that reflected specific themes such as love, humanity, or social awareness. Third, students analyzed the literary elements, meaning, and tone of their chosen poems. Fourth, they rehearsed and recorded their performances using accessible digital tools such as Audacity, Anchor, or Spotify for Podcasters. The final stage involved editing and publishing the podcast, followed by a class reflection session where students discussed their creative choices and experiences. These stages were designed to promote active participation, collaboration, and creative exploration.

Data Analysis

Data were analyzed using the Miles, Huberman, and Saldaña (2018) framework, which includes three stages: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. During data reduction, the researcher identified recurring themes related to creativity, motivation, digital engagement, and literary appreciation. The data were then organized and displayed in descriptive narratives and direct quotations to highlight students’ perspectives. Finally, conclusions were drawn inductively to understand how podcast production influenced students’ engagement with literature. This analytical process ensured that findings were derived systematically,

grounded in real experiences, and supported by multiple data sources. Throughout the research, ethical considerations were maintained by ensuring informed consent, confidentiality, and academic integrity. The methodological approach emphasized authentic learning, participatory observation, and reflective interpretation. By combining literary analysis with digital creativity, students experienced literature as both art and communication. This approach provided rich insights into how technology can enhance literary learning in higher education and contributed to developing innovative, student-centered teaching models for the digital era.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study revealed that integrating literature learning and technology through podcast creation significantly enhanced students' engagement, creativity, and appreciation toward poetry. The majority of participants expressed enthusiasm in using podcasts as a medium for learning and performing literature. They perceived the activity not only as an academic task but also as a personal creative outlet. Students reported that recording and producing podcasts allowed them to understand poetry in new ways—through voice, tone, rhythm, and emotional delivery. Compared to traditional classroom discussions, the podcast project offered a more participatory and enjoyable learning experience.

Observation data indicated that students became more active and collaborative throughout the learning process. During group work, they discussed poem selection, analyzed meaning, and divided roles such as narrator, editor, and sound designer. This teamwork encouraged communication and critical dialogue about literary interpretation. The process of recording and editing also helped them develop technical competencies, including sound management, timing, and use of digital tools. As a result, students exhibited a higher level of ownership and responsibility toward their learning outcomes, demonstrating independent initiative and creativity.

The interviews conducted after the podcast project revealed a notable increase in students' self-confidence and expressive ability. Many participants stated that reading poems aloud and recording their voices initially felt intimidating; however, repeated practice built their confidence. They also gained greater awareness of tone, pronunciation, and emotional nuance in oral performance. Students described the experience as empowering because it allowed them to "hear" literature as living art rather than static text. This experience shifted their perception of poetry from something abstract to something they could personally perform and share with others.

Documentation analysis showed a diverse range of creative outcomes among student podcasts. The topics selected varied from love and social criticism to environmental awareness. Many students combined their voices with background music and sound effects that matched the mood of their chosen poem. Some podcasts employed minimalist editing to highlight the sincerity of emotion, while others used layered audio design to enhance the listener's experience. This diversity

demonstrated the students' interpretive freedom and aesthetic judgment, illustrating that literature could be personalized through technological expression. Quantitative observation of student participation (converted qualitatively for descriptive presentation) indicated that motivation and collaboration improved across all stages of the learning process. The data are summarized in the following table:

Learning Aspect	Before Podcast Project	After Podcast Project	Change/Improvement
Student Motivation	Moderate	High	Increased enthusiasm and engagement
Collaboration	Low	High	Greater teamwork and interaction
Creativity	Moderate	Very High	Development of expressive and aesthetic skills
Confidence in Oral Expression	Low	High	Improved pronunciation and delivery
Digital Literacy	Moderate	High	Enhanced use of technology tools

Based on classroom observations and post-project reflections, students demonstrated not only better understanding of literary concepts but also improvement in 21st-century competencies such as digital literacy and creative thinking. The learning process encouraged them to analyze poetry both intellectually and emotionally, combining critical interpretation with artistic performance. This integration of cognitive and affective learning outcomes reflects the success of podcast-based literature instruction as an innovative pedagogical model.

Another significant result was the increased sense of community among students. Working collaboratively on creative tasks strengthened interpersonal relationships and appreciation for others' talents. Students listened to one another's podcasts, provided constructive feedback, and shared their works on digital platforms. This peer-sharing culture extended the impact of learning beyond the classroom, allowing literature appreciation to exist within a wider public sphere. Many students felt proud when their podcasts were listened to by peers or family members, reinforcing intrinsic motivation for literary engagement.

Finally, the data showed that students' perception of technology transformed from being merely functional to being creative and expressive. They viewed podcasts not only as digital tools but as artistic mediums that bring literature closer to

contemporary audiences. The combination of poetry and technology created a synergistic learning experience—bridging traditional literary values with modern communication culture. This indicates that integrating digital media in literature education can enhance both the aesthetic and technological literacies necessary for students in today's academic and professional contexts.

The findings of this study confirm that podcast-based learning can effectively enhance students' engagement and appreciation in literature classes. The result aligns with previous research by Fitria (2021), who found that podcasts improve students' oral expression and listening comprehension by providing an interactive and flexible medium. In this study, the podcast acted as both a learning tool and a creative platform, encouraging students to interpret literature beyond the written page. This transformation of learning mode made poetry more accessible, enjoyable, and emotionally resonant. The use of podcasts also fostered a constructivist learning environment where students built their understanding through authentic, hands-on experiences. Instead of relying solely on instructor explanations, students explored meaning, discussed interpretations, and expressed understanding through performance. This supports Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, which emphasizes learning through collaboration and mediated interaction. By producing podcasts, students not only learned about poetry but also developed communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills that reflect holistic learning outcomes.

Moreover, the project encouraged multiliteracy development, integrating reading, writing, speaking, and digital production. As Rahmawati (2023) noted, modern education requires learners to possess both literary and digital competence. Through podcast creation, students engaged in multimodal learning combining auditory, linguistic, and technical elements. This process not only improved their literary appreciation but also enhanced digital fluency and ethical awareness regarding copyright and content sharing. Thus, podcast production served as a medium for developing well-rounded communicative competence in the digital era.

From a pedagogical perspective, the podcast project reinforced project-based and student-centered learning principles. Students were positioned as active creators who made meaningful choices during the learning process, from poem selection to sound editing. This autonomy promoted intrinsic motivation and critical reflection. Consistent with Dewi (2021), project-based activities provide authentic contexts for creativity and collaboration, which are vital for sustainable learning outcomes. Therefore, podcast-based literature learning embodies the characteristics of innovative pedagogy that values creativity, responsibility, and reflective practice.

In addition, the emotional and aesthetic dimensions of learning were strengthened through auditory engagement. By listening to and performing poetry, students experienced literature sensorially and empathetically. This aligns with Ramadhani (2020), who emphasized that performative approaches in literature increase students' emotional intelligence and sensitivity to language. Through podcast production, students internalized the rhythm, imagery, and feeling embedded in poetic texts. Consequently, literature learning became more holistic, addressing

intellectual, emotional, and artistic growth simultaneously. Finally, this study highlights the transformative potential of integrating literature and technology within higher education. The creation of poetry podcasts bridged traditional humanistic education and contemporary digital culture. It revitalized the role of literature as a living art form that communicates across media and generations. The process empowered students to become creators, not just consumers, of knowledge and beauty. This integration of art and technology confirms that literature education, when innovatively designed, can remain deeply relevant in the digital age cultivating both creative literacy and cultural intelligence among future graduates.

CONCLUSION

This study concludes that the integration of literature learning and technology through the creation of poetry podcasts effectively enhances students' appreciation, creativity, and digital competence. The qualitative findings demonstrate that podcast production provides an engaging, expressive, and reflective learning experience, allowing students to interact with poetry beyond textual analysis. Through this process, literature becomes a living art that students can perform, interpret, and share using digital platforms. The combination of cognitive, affective, and technical skills developed through podcast creation marks a significant pedagogical innovation in literary education within higher education.

Furthermore, the podcast project strengthened collaboration, confidence, and multiliteracy among students. Working in teams allowed them to engage in critical dialogue, negotiate meaning, and develop a collective sense of authorship. At the same time, the project fostered emotional intelligence through expressive reading and creative sound design. Students not only improved their understanding of poetic aesthetics but also gained practical experience in using technology for creative communication. These outcomes reflect the success of project-based, student-centered approaches in connecting humanistic learning with the realities of digital culture. In a broader educational context, this study highlights the transformative potential of integrating art and technology to promote holistic learning. The poetry podcast model offers a practical framework for literature educators seeking to revitalize traditional learning methods. It encourages learners to think critically, communicate creatively, and appreciate the cultural value of literature in modern media environments. Future research is encouraged to expand this approach by exploring interdisciplinary collaborations and incorporating other digital storytelling formats. Ultimately, literature learning that embraces technology not only preserves the beauty of poetic expression but also prepares students to become creative, literate, and culturally aware individuals in the digital era.

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