Increasing Digital Literacy In Education: Analysis Of Challenges And Opportunities Through Literature Study

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Abstract. By conducting literature research, this research aims to evaluate the difficulties and prospects in increasing digital literacy in education. In today's digital era, digital literacy is becoming increasingly important. The ability to understand, use and participate in digital environments is essential. However, the development of technology and its use in education also raises complex problems. Literature analysis was carried out to identify the main problems faced by students and teachers in improving digital literacy. The results of the analysis show that some of the main problems include the pace of change in digital technology, lack of access to technology, inappropriate curriculum, lack of teacher training, and inequality. On the other hand, there is a huge opportunity to improve digital literacy. This can be achieved through developing a curriculum that is integrated with technology, increasing accessibility to digital infrastructure and devices, and ongoing training for educators. A better understanding of the complexities of difficulties and opportunities in improving digital literacy among students and educators is gained from this research. It is hoped that this research will make a positive contribution to the continued progress of education in the computer and internet era because these findings can help create more efficient educational policies and teaching strategies that take advantage of developments in digital technology.

Keywords: Digital Literacy, Education, Challenges and Opportunities

INTRODUCTION

Digital literacy has developed into an essential skill necessary for success in personal, professional, and academic life. Digital literacy includes an understanding of how to use digital technology in effective, critical, and creative ways to access, evaluate, and participate in a variety of digital content. In the world of education, digital literacy is increasingly important to support learning that is relevant to the times and helps students learn material that is relevant to the times.

Literacy in the modern era is more than just the ability to read and write. Literacy includes the ability to understand, interpret, evaluate, and communicate with various types of text and media, such as written text, images, graphics, and multimedia. Literacy is essential for accessing education, achieving professional goals, actively participating in society, and making intelligent choices in various aspects of life and understanding the environment. In schools, the literacy movement has been widely implemented (Riyanti et al., n.d.) which aims to increase the pedagogical competence of students and teachers (Putra et al., 2023). Pendidikan di era digital merupakan proses belajar dan mengajar yang memanfaatkan teknologi digital secara massif dalam proses pembelajaran yang dikenal dengan sistem siber (cyber system). Cyber system erat hubungannya terhadap perkembangan teknologi informasi dan komunikasi, dan mempengaruhi kualitas pembelajaran di sekolah. Sekolah harus...
berusaha untuk memperbaiki perencanaan dan pelaksanaan pembelajaran agar menghasilkan kualitas pembelajaran berbasis teknologi dan informasi komunikasi yang lebih baik. (Putra et al., 2023)

According to Sudarmanto et al., quoted by Ricardo Turnip, understanding digital literacy makes education more effective and competitive in an ever-changing work environment and contributes positively to an increasingly connected society throughout the world. Therefore, empowerment through digital literacy is a very important principle for directing education towards future challenges that are increasingly complex and changing rapidly. (Sisco, 2023)

However, even though the importance of digital literacy is widely recognized, there are still many challenges that must be faced in efforts to increase digital literacy among students and educators. The opportunities and challenges that exist in implementing digital literacy in educational contexts require in-depth understanding to overcome barriers and exploit the full potential of digital technology. Among the digital literacy challenges found in the world of education are: 1) Challenges in access to technology: Many students and schools face obstacles in gaining access to the digital devices and infrastructure needed to support learning; 2) Digital clutter: There is a digital divide between individuals and groups who have sufficient digital access and skills and those who have no access or limited skills, creating inequality in educational opportunities; 3) Inappropriate curriculum: Educational curricula may not adequately integrate aspects of digital literacy, resulting in a lack of emphasis on the skills required in a digital environment. 4) Lack of training for teachers: Many teachers may not have sufficient knowledge or skills in the use of digital technology to support learning, limiting the potential use of technology in education; 5) Rapid changes in digital technology: Rapid technological developments can pose challenges in updating the knowledge and skills needed to keep up with the latest developments, for both students and teachers.

Based on the problems above, the focus of this research is: 1) In-depth analysis of the concept of digital literacy and its relevance in the educational context; 2) Identify the main challenges in increasing digital literacy among educators and students; 3) Exploring potential opportunities that can be utilized to increase digital literacy in education; 4) Evaluate various methods or strategies that are effective in increasing digital literacy in schools or educational institutions; 5) Recommendations for educational policies or practical steps to improve digital literacy in educational contexts.

Thus, the main aim of this research is to provide a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities in developing literacy skills in the digital era, as well as to
provide concrete and measurable guidance for overcoming these challenges and taking advantage of existing opportunities.

**RESEARCH METHODS**

Descriptive-qualitative methods and literature study approaches were applied in this research. The main object of this research is literature such as journals, books and scientific articles. The author chose qualitative research methods because qualitative research can be accounted for and can be trusted. Using comparisons between various data sources, data triangulation is used to check the validity of the data.

Journals, e-books and theses are searched via the internet to obtain data. Digital Literacy, Education, Opportunities and Challenges are keywords used to search using Google Scholar, Elsevier, and Scopus. The journals selected are those related to these keywords. As a result, researchers selected twenty journals to analyze, summarize and classify, to produce new ideas and concepts that are still relevant to the discussion topic. The research published in this journal aims to identify the prospects and obstacles to digital literacy in education as well as efforts that can be made to increase the digital literacy of teachers and students in the era of globalization.

**DISCUSSION**

**Digital Literacy**

Digital literacy means that every person must equip themselves with skills in using and understanding information obtained from various digital sources and is the skill of using digital tools in everyday life. (Gilster, P., & Watson, 1997) Douglas A.J. Belshaw in (Ridwan Santoso, Berchah Pitoewas, 2018) said that in developing digital literacy there are eight essential elements, namely as follows: cultural, cognitive, constructive, communicative, self-confident, creative, critical and socially responsible. Digital literacy covers a person's understanding of digital content. (Safitri et al., 2020)

One must realize that all content on the internet is not of the same quality. While it is highly unlikely that all content is on the internet, as a person accesses the internet more frequently, he or she will begin to realize which online portals are offering low-quality or even fake information. Digital literacy includes a person's technical skills in using ICT tools or devices as well as their knowledge and skills in understanding content. Ultimately, the goal of digital literacy is to be able to create new knowledge. Therefore, digital literacy can be defined as a person's ability to use digital media in an appropriate, wise and responsible way to find, utilize, process, package, evaluate and disseminate information.
Principles of Digital Literacy Development

The concept of digital literacy actually cannot be separated from two points of view. First, computer literacy, is a person's technical ability to use computer devices. Meanwhile, the second, information literacy, is a person's ability to find, use, package, evaluate and disseminate digital information correctly. According to (GLN Team of the Ministry of Education and Culture, 2017) there are 4 (four) basic principles for developing digital literacy, including: understanding, interdependence, social factors, curation. Two aspects of the approach that can be applied in digital literacy are the conceptual and operational approaches. The conceptual approach focuses on aspects of cognitive and social emotional development, while the operational approach focuses on technical usage capabilities.

Mayes and Fowler, in (Kemendikbud GLN Team, 2017) stated that developing digital literacy goes through 3 stages, as follows:

- **Level I**: Digital competency skills, approaches and behavior
- **Level II**: Digital use of digital competency applications in certain contexts
- **Level III**: Digital transformation creativity and innovation

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According to Mayes and Fowler (Kemendikbud GLN Team, 2017) the principle of digital literacy development is tiered. First, digital competency which includes skills, approaches, concepts and behavior. Second, digital use which refers to the application of digital competencies related to a particular context. Third, digital transformation which requires creativity and innovation in the digital world.

**Digital Literacy Concept in the School Environment**

The school literacy movement was launched by the Ministry of Education and Culture in 2015. Improvement in the quality of human resources is expected from the School Literacy Movement. It is hoped that this movement can encourage increased enthusiasm for reading for all school members. The influx of digital information requires all school members to
carefully sort and understand the information they obtain. O’Brein & Scharber in (Puspito, 2017) stated that digital literacy can be used as an actual learning resource that can be used as a reference.

In implementing digital literacy in schools, it is necessary to develop programs that are integrated with the curriculum. This activity aims to improve the competency of human resources in schools ( principals, teachers and students). Because superior human resources will be born by continuing to improve their knowledge and skills. (Siregar, 2023a) According to (GLN Team of the Ministry of Education and Culture, 2017) there are 5 (five) strategies that can be implemented in the digital literacy movement in schools, as follows: 1) Strengthening the capacity of facilitators; 2) Increasing the number and variety of quality learning resources 4) Expanding access to quality learning resources and the scope of learning participants 4) Increasing public participation; 5) Strengthening governance

The digital literacy movement is synonymous with critical and creative thinking. School residents are sensitive to developing information, are not easily consumed by unhealthy issues, are able to select and sort quality information, and are wise individuals in using digital media. Thus, if this digital literacy movement becomes a culture in a particular school, it will have an impact on the social and cultural life of the community, because schools are strategic places for building character. Building a digital literacy culture really requires the involvement of all parties. So that the success of educational and cultural indicators is achieved through digital literacy culture in welcoming the digital era. The expected implementation of the digital literacy program according to (National Education Association, 2010) is critical thinker, communicator, collaborator and creator.

**Curriculum and Teaching**

According to Dedy, as quoted by Ali & Kardina, the content of the curriculum must be in accordance with the expected objectives, namely referring to the formulation of objectives or in accordance with the educational vision and mission. The curriculum components consist of objectives, learning materials, teaching and learning processes and assessments which must be formulated in a harmonious and balanced manner (Musri et al., 2023). It cannot be denied that the mismatch of the curriculum with digital literacy needs and the lack of training for teachers in integrating digital technology are significant challenges in education today, resulting in a curriculum that is not in line with digital literacy needs. This results in: 1) Lack of focus on Digital Literacy. Many curricula still focus on traditional academic knowledge rather than essential digital skills, such as online information search
skills, digital resource evaluation, and online security; 2) Limitations in Curriculum Development. The curriculum tends to lag behind in accommodating rapid technological developments. This can result in curricula that are no longer relevant or incapable of teaching the skills necessary to function effectively in a digital world; 3) The gap between the world of education and the real world; 4) The curriculum often fails to take into account the changing real world needs, including the demand for digital literacy which is increasingly important in various aspects of life.

In the aspect of lack of training for teachers, teachers do not receive adequate training in integrating digital technology into their teaching. They may not have the knowledge or skills necessary to use digital tools and resources effectively. Technology Adoption Challenges. Even if teachers receive training, they may face barriers in adopting the technology due to limited time, resources, or their confidence. Lack of Institutional Support Educational institutions often do not provide enough support for teachers to develop their technology skills. This may include a lack of access to resources, structured training, or support from school management.

Solutions that can be considered 1) Curriculum revision. The curriculum should be updated regularly to reflect the latest developments in technology and digital literacy needs. This should include greater emphasis on essential digital skills; 2) Continuous Teacher Training. Teachers need to receive ongoing training on how to integrate digital technology into their teaching. This could be in-house training, workshops, or professional development programs; 3) Strong Institutional Support. Educational institutions must provide strong support for teachers in the use of digital technologies, including access to resources, technical assistance, and incentives to adopt innovations; 4) Partnership with the Technology Industry. Educational institutions can collaborate with technology companies to develop innovative educational resources and provide training for teachers; 5) Continuous Evaluation and Feedback. It is important to continue evaluating curricula and teacher training to ensure that they meet evolving digital literacy needs.

**Speed Change in Technology**

The sophisticated and rapid development of science cannot be separated from the role of current technology. Schools must be aware and updated about these changes, because students have the right to receive education. (Siregar, 2023c) The education provided must be contemporary so that students can be more competitive in facing this digital era. The internet is a basic and absolute need for everyone to be able to connect to the whole world. (Annur,
According to the Indonesian Internet Service Providers Association (APJII), the number of Indonesians using the internet in 2024 will reach 221,563,479 people, out of a total population of 278,696,200 people in 2023. (APJII, n.d.). The following is a graph of the increase in internet users from 2014 to 2024:

The rapid and massive use of technology does not look at age or gender, whether men, women, children or adults. The main benefit of this technology is that it makes searching for information easier and more precise. The Ministry of Communication and Information of the Republic of Indonesia launched the "Digital Literacy" program to deal with rapid technological advances. (Kemenkominfo & RI, 2021). Rapid technological changes to education, including challenges in maintaining relevant and up-to-date skills among teachers and students.

January 2024 there will be 185 million Internet users in Indonesia. Students aged 5 to 24 continue to use the internet to learn. In 2020, 59.33% of students used the internet. This figure increased rapidly from 33.98% in 2016. All levels of education experienced an increase in internet use, especially elementary school/equivalent students, which increased from 16.64% in 2018 to 35.97% in 2020. Middle school/equivalent students increased to 73.4%, SM/equivalent to 91.01%, and tertiary institutions to 95.3%. In response to the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), students need the internet to maintain their education amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Apart from that, the internet is not only a medium for entertainment but also a place to access social media and information. (Read: Pandemic Causes Indonesian Students to Lose 0.33 Years of Study Time). The following data is in table form:

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Internet Use Among Students 5-24 years (%) (Jayani, 2021)
Strategy for Improving Literacy Culture in the Digital Era

Schools must have the ability to realize the vision and mission of their institution. (Siregar et al., 2023) The realization of this vision and mission has the role of leaders who have spiritual leadership personalities. (Siregar et al., 2024) Digital literacy culture can be improved by implementing the following strategies, namely: 1) Conducting a needs analysis; 2) Setting goals; 3) Program Planning; 4) Resource Collection; 5) Material Development; 6) Program Implementation; 7) Evaluation and Monitoring; 8) Reporting and Dissemination of Results; 9) Participant Empowerment; 10) Sustainable; 11) Adaptation and Innovation. Another strategy is that schools no longer use paper in the correspondence process, no longer printing documents, thereby reducing paper waste. Students directly use digital media to submit assignments. (Maesaroh et al., 2021) Examining literacy needs to involve many resources, such as human resources, resources in terms of facilities (technology) and financial resources (Nashir & Laili, 2021)

Digital Literacy as an Effort to Improve Student Learning Achievement

Increased learning achievement can be closely related to a high level of literacy. Good literacy, such as traditional literacy such as reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as digital literacy, such as skills in using technology and evaluating online information, can provide a strong foundation for academic success. With an integrative thematic approach in its implementation, it is hoped that students will be able to independently improve and use their knowledge. (Siregar, 2024) The following are several ways in which literacy can contribute to improving learning achievement:

1. Understanding Subject Matter: The ability to read and understand texts is an important aspect of literacy. Students who have good literacy skills can more easily understand the subject matter provided in textbooks, articles and other sources of information.

2. Research and Problem Solving: Digital literacy allows students to conduct research effectively using online sources. They can find relevant information, evaluate the reliability of sources, and present their findings in an appropriate manner.

3. Writing Skills: The ability to write well is a very valuable skill in education. Students who have good writing skills can express their ideas clearly and effectively in assignments and exams.

4. Communication and Presentation: Literacy also includes the ability to communicate effectively. Students who are able to speak clearly, convey arguments logically, and
present information in an interesting way can be successful in class presentations and group discussions.

5. Critical Thinking and Evaluation: Literacy is not only about the consumption of information, but also about the critical evaluation of it. Students who have good literacy skills can recognize bias, evaluate arguments, and make informed decisions based on reliable data.

6. Motivation and Confidence: Students who feel comfortable and confident in their literacy skills tend to be more motivated to learn and take on academic challenges. They may be more courageous in dealing with difficult material and seek opportunities to broaden their understanding.

The Role of Digital Literacy for Schools

Literacy management in schools generally faces obstacles in the aspects of reading sources, reading variations, reading activities and the environment that supports literacy activities. The problem of sources and variety of reading is the lack of books, magazines, newspapers or other digital sources in schools. The problem of providing an environment that supports literacy activities is the need to provide a physical environment (facilities and infrastructure) such as adequate libraries, air conditioning, additional shelves and additional computers. (Indriyani et al., 2019) The role of literacy for schools is very important because literacy shapes the basis for student learning success in various subjects. The following are some of the important roles of literacy for schools:

1. Learning Foundations: Traditional literacies, such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, are important learning foundations for students at all levels of education. The ability to read well allows students to access information from various sources and understand subject matter better.

2. Access to Information: Literacy allows students to access, evaluate, and use information from a variety of sources, including books, articles, websites, and other digital media. With good literacy skills, students can become effective lifelong learners.

3. Research Skills: Literacy helps students develop effective research skills, both in searching for information online and offline. They learn how to find trustworthy sources, evaluate the authenticity of information, and prepare reports or presentations based on their findings.
4. Problem Solving: Literacy also plays an important role in the development of problem solving skills. Students who have good literacy skills tend to be able to better identify problems, gather relevant information, and formulate effective solutions.

5. Effective Communication: Literacy helps students develop effective communication skills, both in oral and written form. They learn how to convey their ideas clearly, logically, and convincingly, and participate in meaningful discussions.

6. Critical Thinking: Literacy allows students to develop critical thinking skills, namely the ability to assess information, identify bias, and make decisions based on evidence. This is important in helping students become more critical readers and thinkers.

7. Individual Empowerment: Literacy empowers individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in education, work, and everyday life. With good literacy, students can feel more confident and able to face future challenges.

Dengan memperhatikan peran literasi ini, sekolah dapat merancang program-program pendidikan yang efektif untuk membantu siswa mengembangkan keterampilan literasi yang diperlukan untuk sukses di era modern.

Islamic concepts in literacy

Knowledge and skills will be obtained through education and this is an obligation for every Muslim, (Ali Musri Semjan Putra, 2022) which is obtained through reading, writing and using information that deepens knowledge of the Islamic religion. The following are some Islamic principles and concepts related to literacy:

1. The Importance of Knowledge (Ilmu): Islam emphasizes the importance of knowledge (ilmu) as a foundation for personal, spiritual and social development. In the Koran, Allah commanded the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to read and acquire knowledge (Surah Al-Alaq: 1-5), emphasizing that knowledge is the key to understanding life and guiding humans to the right path.

2. Culture of reading the Koran: The Koran is the main source of knowledge and guidance for Muslims. The skill of reading and understanding the Koran is an important part of literacy in the Islamic context. Reading and understanding the meaning of the Al-Quran is the main task of every Muslim, because the Al-Quran is the main guide in their life.

3. The Importance of Writing: Islam also emphasizes the importance of writing as a way to convey messages and spread knowledge. Islamic history records that during the
time of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, writing was used to document the revelations received by the Prophet and to spread Islamic teachings to his people.

4. Respect for Writers and Teachers: Islam places a high premium on writers, readers and teachers who bring knowledge and truth to humanity. Rasulullah ﷺ stated that the pursuit of knowledge is an obligatory duty for every Muslim, and teachers are respected as sources of knowledge and spiritual leaders.

5. Community Empowerment: Literacy in Islam is also related to community empowerment through education and knowledge. Islam encourages its followers to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to improve their quality of life and make positive contributions to society.

6. Criticality and Analytical Thinking: Islam encourages its followers to use common sense and critical thinking in evaluating information. Muslims are taught not only to receive information passively, but also to check the truth and reliability of the sources of the information they receive.

7. Ethics in Using Information: Islam teaches the importance of using information wisely and ethically. Muslims are reminded not to spread false or misleading information, and to use their knowledge and skills for good purposes and benefit society.

**Opportunities and Challenges of Digital Literacy in Education**

The challenges facing the world of education are increasingly complex. Education must be able to adapt to technological advances, integrate technology with human skills, and encourage innovation that can increase efficiency, flexibility, sustainability and welfare of production systems. (Siregar, 2023d) The results of research on digital literacy in the contemporary era show that there are various challenges and opportunities in developing literacy skills in the digital era. The following are some findings that generally appear in a literature review presented in tabular form:
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<td>Access to Information: Digital technology provides greater access to information than ever before, which can open up opportunities for broader and deeper learning.</td>
<td>Access Gaps: Even though digital technology is becoming more prevalent, there are still gaps in access to the internet and digital devices that can hinder individuals' ability to develop digital literacy.</td>
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<td>Innovation in Education: Digital platforms and new learning technologies are creating innovation in education, enabling more interactive and personalized learning to have it. Such as: game-based learning, adaptive learning, and online learning platforms offer opportunities to improve literacy skills with a more engaging and customized approach.</td>
<td>Information Confusion (Information Overload): The amount of information available online can cause confusion for individuals in sorting out relevant and trustworthy information.</td>
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<td>Connections and Collaboration: The Internet enables easier collaboration between individuals in different parts of the world, expanding social networks and employment opportunities.</td>
<td>Inability to Critically Analyze: The ability to critically analyze information found online is often underdeveloped, which can lead to the spread of false or inaccurate information.</td>
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<td>Development of New Skills: The digital age creates demand for new skills, such as programming, graphic design, and data analysis, which can increase career opportunities for individuals who</td>
<td>Privacy and Security: Concerns about privacy and data security are often barriers to using digital technology, especially for individuals who do not understand how to protect themselves online.</td>
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<td>Wide Access to Information and Education: The digital era has opened the door to wider access to information and education. With the internet, a person can access educational resources from all over the world, including online courses, tutorials, and learning materials.</td>
<td>Development of Specific Skills: Challenges also arise in developing specific skills required to operate digital devices and platforms effectively.</td>
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<td>Digital Skills Development: Awareness of the importance of digital literacy is increasing. This opens up opportunities for the development of digital skills that enable individuals to navigate and participate in digital environments more wisely.</td>
<td>Information Overload: The digital era has caused an explosion of information that can obscure reliable sources. The main challenge is how to manage and filter relevant information from irrelevant information.</td>
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<td>Global Collaboration: The digital era enables collaboration and exchange of ideas between individuals and communities around the world. This can broaden horizons and perspectives, as well as promote cross-cultural understanding and tolerance.</td>
<td>Lack of Critical Skills: Easy access to information is not necessarily accompanied by the ability to evaluate information critically. Many individuals, including the digital native generation, may not have the skills to sort fact from opinion, or to recognize bias in the information they receive.</td>
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<td>Creativity and Personal Expression: Digital platforms also provide a means to express creativity and personal views. Through blogs, social media, and other creative platforms, individuals can practice their writing skills and share ideas with a wider audience.</td>
<td>Hoaxes and Disinformation: The digital era provides a very easy platform for spreading hoaxes and disinformation. This can threaten accurate understanding of important issues, as well as exacerbate social divisions and conflict.</td>
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<td>Digital Divide: Not everyone has equal access to technology and information. These gaps can exacerbate gaps in literacy skills, with the digitally disadvantaged having limited access to educational opportunities and resources.</td>
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<td>Social Media Addiction and Digital Distraction: Excessive use of social media and digital devices can interfere with an individual's ability to focus and process information deeply. This can hinder the development of literacy skills that require deep reflection and critical thinking</td>
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By understanding the challenges and exploiting opportunities in digital literacy, schools can optimize the potential of digital technology to improve knowledge, skills and overall well-being.

**Digital literacy efforts and recommendations**

The following are several efforts and recommendations to overcome challenges and take advantage of opportunities in developing digital literacy skills:

1. **Integration of Digital Literacy in the Curriculum**: Schools can integrate digital literacy learning into their curriculum at all levels of education. This includes learning how to use the internet wisely, evaluating the authenticity of information, identifying hoaxes, and understanding the ethical implications of sharing information online.

2. **Critical Skills Education**: Providing strong learning in critical and analytical thinking skills is an important step. Students should be taught to ask critically about sources of information, check the reliability of information, and develop the ability to recognize and overcome bias in various types of media.

3. **Training in the Use of Digital Tools**: Schools can provide practical training on the use of digital tools and relevant technologies, including the use of word processing software, spreadsheets, presentations, as well as an understanding of online security and data privacy.

4. **Educational Content Development**: Teachers can design interesting and relevant educational content using technology, such as videos, podcasts and other interactive materials. This can help increase student engagement and facilitate more effective learning.

5. **Collaboration with Parents**: Schools can work with parents and guardians to provide an understanding of the importance of digital literacy and how parents can support learning at home, including setting limits on screen time and monitoring their children's online activities.

6. **Digital Literacy Skills Assessment**: Schools can integrate digital literacy skills assessments into their evaluation systems to monitor student progress and identify areas where additional help is needed.

7. **Integrated Approach**: It is important for schools to adopt an integrated approach in developing digital literacy skills, which includes integrated learning in the classroom (a combination of general science and religion), (Siregar, 2023b) extra-curricular training, and collaboration with libraries or out-of-school educational institutions.
8. Integrated Islam which is able to combine general knowledge and religious knowledge.

9. Empowering Students as Responsible Users: Schools can empower students as responsible users by involving them in projects that encourage them to participate actively in checking the authenticity of information, producing quality content, and promoting awareness of ethical issues in use of digital media.

10. Partnership between the Public and Private Sectors: Cooperation between governments, educational institutions, technology companies, and civil society organizations is needed to develop effective and inclusive digital literacy initiatives.

11. Further Research: Further research is needed to understand more deeply the dynamics of digital literacy in various contexts, as well as to identify the most effective strategies in improving digital literacy in schools

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the results of discussing challenges and opportunities in increasing digital literacy in education through literature studies, the following conclusions can be drawn: 1) Access and Infrastructure Challenges: Gaps in access to digital technology need to be addressed to ensure that all students have equal opportunities in developing their digital literacy. This requires investment in digital infrastructure and device accessibility in schools; 2) Digital Divide: It is important to address the gap in digital skills and knowledge among students and teachers. Ongoing training and professional development programs focused on digital literacy need to be prioritized; 3) Curriculum Development: Educational curricula must be updated and adapted to include digital literacy as an integral component. This requires collaboration between educators, technologists, and other interested parties to identify appropriate learning needs and goals; 4) Rapid Changes in Technology: Education must be able to keep up with rapid technological developments by offering relevant training and resources. A flexible and adaptive approach is needed to ensure that students and teachers have the necessary skills to deal with new innovations; 5) Opportunities for Improvement: There are great opportunities to improve digital literacy through the integration of technology in teaching and learning. Initiatives such as the development of engaging digital content, project-based learning programs, and collaboration between schools and industry can enhance the student learning experience; 6) Policy Implications: Education policymakers need to prioritize increasing digital literacy in their education agenda. This
includes adequate resource allocation, development of supportive policies, and partnerships with various stakeholders to achieve these goals.

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