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How to Listen to Any Podcast on a TV - 298

In this episode, discover how to transform professional learning by listening to podcasts on your TV. You'll learn tips for finding the perfect teacher podcasts and using your TV's accessibility features for hands-free listening to maximize your time. If you're looking to switch up your professional development routine plus try a different way to share educational podcasts with students, this episode is for you!

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Introduction

Hello there, and welcome to today's episode of the Easy EdTech podcast. My name is Monica Burns, and I am so glad you're here to join me today. If you want to make the most of education technology, AKA EdTech, you are in the right place. My goal has always been to help make EdTech easier and give you ideas to try yourself, share with a colleague, or bookmark for later in the school year.

Every Tuesday on the Easy EdTech podcast, you'll hear stories from my time in the classroom, my work with schools and districts, and my travels to different EdTech events. Get ready for solo episodes where I share some quick tips, stories, and interviews full of practical ideas and stories from new guests each month. If we mention something you'd like to check out, make sure to click the link. You'll find it in the episode description or the summary area where you're listening to this podcast, or you can find every episode and all of the resources we mention by going to classtechtips.com/podcast or by going to classtechtips.com and just clicking on the Easy EdTech Podcast button at the top of the page.

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LitWorld is also the founder of World Read Aloud Day, a worldwide celebration of the power of reading aloud to create community and amplify new stories, and to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right.

On February 5, 2025, LitWorld invites you to celebrate World Read Aloud Day's 15th anniversary! Head on over to www.worldreadaloudday.org to access free resources and activities to make the most of this joyful day with your classroom & community.

Today's Intro

This week's episode is titled: "How to Listen to Any Podcast on a TV - 298"

Are podcasts part of your daily routine? I've been an avid podcast listener for about a decade. Whether it's a podcast featuring technology news or current events or an interview with a reality television star, I listen to several hours of podcasts each week. Podcasts have become a staple in so many educators' lives, too. You might listen to podcasts for teachers, a favorite show that covers sports, or another topic you love.

Over the past five years, I've hosted the <u>Easy EdTech Podcast</u>, where I share educational technology tips and interview educators from all over the world. So, you can imagine that I'm always curious about how people listen to podcasts. Most of my listening time is playing on my phone, whether it's on a speaker or streaming through my headphones or car stereo. But it isn't the only way to consume this medium.

In today's episode, we're going to explore how to listen to podcasts on TV, using your television as a way to consume this primarily audio medium.

Episode Transcript

Listening to Podcasts on a Television

While most of us may be accustomed to listening to podcasts on our smartphones or computers, there's a whole other dimension available. Smart TVs offer a convenient way to experience podcasts, leveraging their powerful speakers and large screens to enhance your listening experience. In the same way we might have turned a radio on in the past, you can play a podcast through a television in your home.

How to Listen to Podcasts on Your TV

Let's explore the steps on how to make this happen!

Find a Podcast You Love

Start by picking out podcasts that match your interests. Whether it's educational content, current events or <u>professional development</u> resources, there's a podcast out there for everyone. You might already have a favorite podcast (or three or four) you listen to each week. I love listening to podcasts that cover the news, like <u>Pivot</u> with Kara Swisher and Scott Galloway, and podcasts that cover television and movies, like <u>The Watch</u> and <u>The Rewatchables</u>.

Open Up a Smart TV

Turn on your Smart TV and navigate to the home screen, where you can access various applications. Every television is a little different, and you might have a television that accesses the Internet with a Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, or AppleTV.

Access a Smart TV Podcast Player

Install a podcast player if you haven't done so already. Popular platforms like <u>Spotify</u> or <u>YouTube</u> are available on most Smart TVs and provide access to a vast library of podcasts. Head over to the App Store on your television to download an app that plays podcasts.

Search for Your Favorite Podcast

Use the search function in the podcast player app to look up your favorite podcast. If you have an account with the service and are signed in, you can also navigate to your "followed" list to quickly find podcasts you regularly listen to on a podcast app on your phone.

Extra Tip: Use your TV remote's voice command feature, if available, to search for podcasts hands-free.

Podcasts are a fantastic resource for learning and entertainment. I've discussed on here on the podcast how educators can use <u>podcasts for professional development</u>. You might remember the episode titled Using Podcasts for Professional Development with Matt Smith.

Not only can you listen to podcasts on a TV, you can stream podcasts on an interactive whiteboard. In a classroom, this is a great way to share <u>podcasts with students</u>, too. Not sure where to start? If you're looking for a selection of podcasts, don't miss out on our curated list of Al-themed podcasts in the shownotes for today's episode.

So let's make this EdTech easy with some key points from the episode...

Find favorite podcasts that align with your interests and professional goals.

Install apps like Spotify or YouTube to easily search for and listen to podcasts on your TV.

Use voice commands for hands-free listening.

Stay updated on educational trends, gain expert insights, and connect with other educators.

Remember, you can find the shownotes and the full list of resources from this episode on classtechtips.com/podcast and finding today's episode #298!

Outro Sponsor Message

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Thank you for listening to this new episode of the Easy EdTech Podcast! I love creating new episodes for you each week, but I could use a bit of help spreading the word about the podcast. Can you leave a rating or review on your favorite podcast app?

Spotify will let you tap on the stars, and Apple Podcasts will let you tap on the stars and leave a one or two sentence review.

Thank you so much for taking this extra step, it helps other educators find episodes like this one when they are searching for EdTech tips.

Episode Resources

- Connect with Dr. Monica Burns on X (Twitter), Threads & Instagram
- Sign up for the Free Newsletter
- Check out <u>EdTech Books</u> by Dr. Monica Burns
- Explore Artificial Intelligence Resources, Events & Workshops & Free Stuff
- Grab <u>EdTech Essentials: 12 Strategies for Every Classroom in the Age of AI 2nd Edition</u> & download the <u>FREE Study Guide</u>
- Pivot podcast
- The Watch podcast
- <u>The Rewatchables</u> podcast
- Spotify (podcast player)

- <u>The Story Behind Using Podcasts for Professional Development with Amanda Hunt</u> (Podcast Episode)
- <u>7 Ways to Use Educational Podcasts</u> (Blog Post)
- <u>Using Podcasts for Professional Development with Matt Smith</u> (Podcast Episode)
- Al in Education Playlist for Learning on the Go (Blog Post)
- <u>Useful Tips for Finding Podcasts to Enhance Content with Jeff Glade</u> (Podcast Episode)